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**From:** Vela, Austin [Vela.Austin@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 9/13/2019 6:27:06 PM  
**To:** ben\_ayres@perdue.senate.gov  
**CC:** Wise, Allison [Wise.Allison@epa.gov]; Jenkins, Brandi [Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert) [frye.robert@epa.gov]; Edwards, John (Holt) [edwards.john@epa.gov]; Haman, Patricia [Haman.Patricia@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Heads Up: Copy of Signed EPA Letter on EtO  
**Attachments:** Perdue.pdf

Hey Ben, I wanted to provide your staff an electronic copy of a letter that was just signed by Acting Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation Anne Idsal regarding ethylene oxide emissions. Please see the attachment and let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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Austin Vela  
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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

September 13, 2019

OFFICE OF  
AIR AND RADIATION

The Honorable David Perdue  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Perdue:

I would like to update you on the progress of our activities related to ethylene oxide. Addressing this chemical is a high priority for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and I appreciate your interest in our ongoing work.

As you may recall, EPA's National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) found last year that ethylene oxide emissions may significantly contribute to potentially elevated cancer risk in several areas around the country. EPA has been taking a two-pronged approach to address these emissions. First, the Agency is reviewing its Clean Air Act (CAA) regulations for industrial facilities that emit ethylene oxide. An update on the status of our work on two National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) addressing ethylene oxide is provided below. Second, we are working closely with our Regional offices and state and local air agencies to get additional information on facility emissions to determine whether more immediate emission reduction steps are necessary or possible in higher risk areas. This work is ongoing, and there have already been significant emission reductions in a number of areas.

### **Rulemaking Actions**

To ensure that its rules are defensible and sustainable, the Agency needs to build a solid, data-based record for its decisions. For the reviews of the NESHAP for Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing (MON) and the NESHAP for Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilizers, EPA has had to compile information on emissions, potential control technology options and costs for the many potentially affected sources in these source categories. Much of this work has been, or soon will be, completed.

The Agency is under court order to issue a final risk and technology review of the MON rule by March 13, 2020. The proposed rulemaking is currently at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) undergoing interagency review and will be issued following completion of that review.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eoDetails?rrid=129437>

Over the past year, the Office of Air and Radiation has been gathering data to support its review of the NESHAP for commercial sterilizers. One challenge that we have identified is that about one-third of the more than 100 potentially affected facilities are small businesses. Given the potential impact of certain emission reduction strategies on these small businesses, the Agency may need to convene a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panel before taking any significant regulatory action. EPA will soon request nominations to serve as small entity representatives as part of a possible SBAR Panel.

Currently, we are planning three upcoming actions for this source category:

1. In October, EPA intends to issue an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM). This notice would describe and provide an opportunity for public comment on potential regulatory approaches and available control technologies and would provide an avenue for interested parties to give us additional data and information to support the future rulemaking.
2. Also, in October, EPA intends to issue a request for information under CAA section 114 to several commercial sterilization companies. This request will require companies to provide information that would support the notice-and-comment rulemaking, including data on specific facility characteristics, control devices, work practices, and costs associated with installation and operation of emission reduction strategies.
3. In the months ahead, we plan to propose a formal notice-and-comment rulemaking, informed if necessary by the SBAR Panel process. This rulemaking would begin with a proposed rule that would address the CAA-required technology review for this source category and is expected to include an assessment of the impacts of identified control strategies. This proposal will solicit public comment, and EPA will provide the opportunity for a public hearing. Once these important steps have been completed and the Agency has considered public input, then EPA would issue a final rule.

### **Area-Specific Activities**

Because our rulemaking process takes time, we decided that more immediate action may be needed in higher risk areas. Our Regional offices have been working with affected state and local air agencies to look more closely at emissions from facilities in these areas. The purpose of this work is to provide information to help us as we review our regulations and to identify whether it is possible to achieve early emission reductions. We have already seen facilities take steps, or commit to taking steps, to significantly reduce emissions and risk in a number of areas, including in Illinois, Georgia and other states. We also think it is critical to actively engage with affected communities. To this end, several of our Regional offices have conducted or participated in meetings with local elected officials and community groups. We are committed to continuing this engagement in the necessary areas.

Finally, I wish to note that some communities have asked EPA to conduct air monitoring. Because existing monitoring methods for certain air toxics, including ethylene oxide, have limitations, and because EPA's regulatory program for air toxics has traditionally relied on mathematical computer modeling to characterize outdoor air concentrations, we do not think such air monitoring is necessary to support actions to reduce emissions. As requested, however, EPA has provided technical assistance to communities wishing to conduct air toxics monitoring. In addition, in 2020, eligible localities will be able to apply for financial assistance for such monitoring through EPA's Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring grant competition. This program assists state, local and tribal communities in identifying air toxics sources, characterizing the degree and extent of local air toxics problems, and tracking progress of air toxics reduction activities. Information about these grants will be announced later this year and will be posted at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding>.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust the information provided is helpful. I want you to know that EPA remains committed to its mission of protecting public health and the environment. If you have additional questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Austin Vela in the Office of Congressional Affairs at [vela.austin@epa.gov](mailto:vela.austin@epa.gov) or at (202) 564-1649.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Anne L. Idsal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "I".

Anne L. Idsal  
Acting Assistant Administrator



Message

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**CC:** Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert) [frye.robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA grant question

Hi Daniel,

We looked through the grant database and I believe you are referring to The Network Driven Diffusion of Innovative Energy Technologies Grant which was applied for under the STAR program by Georgia Tech. It is currently undergoing review as part of the competitive grant process. Unfortunately I do not have an estimated decision date.

Let me know if you were looking for a different grant.

Best,

**Kaitlyn Shimmin**

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**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 2:36 PM

**To:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** EPA grant question

Hey Christian, hope all is well with you. I was hoping you could help me track down the status of a grant that Georgia Tech applied for earlier this summer. Apparently its through the STAR program at EPA and is related to innovative energy technologies. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

**Daniel Hale**

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**CC:** Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert) [frye.robert@epa.gov]; Wise, Allison [Wise.Allison@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: superfund site in GA

Daniel

It was good speaking with you earlier. If Sen. Isakson does decide to send a letter regarding this matter here is the address of our Regional Administrator

Trey Glenn, Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4  
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth St., SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

If you have any more questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

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**Subject:** RE: superfund site in GA

Thanks a lot Bryan. You free to talk this afternoon? Anytime after 1.

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**Subject:** RE: superfund site in GA

Daniel

Here is some background on this Site -

<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.Cleanup&id=0404439#bkgground>

Once you have a chance to review, feel free to give me a call and I can let you know the current status and what we are hearing from your constituents. Look forward to talking to you.

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**Subject:** RE: superfund site in GA

Good afternoon Daniel,

Our Region 4 office is very familiar with the concerns at this site and can provide you with additional information. I am cc'ing Allison and Bryan who can follow up with you. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any additional questions.

Best,  
Carolyn

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**Subject:** RE: superfund site in GA

Hi Daniel,

I am CCing Carolyn in our office to assist on the Superfund front.

Give me a call when you have a minute so we can discuss the other issue with diesel emissions.

Thanks!

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**To:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** superfund site in GA

Hey Christian, hope all is well. We've been hearing a lot from constituents in Glynn County GA regarding a consent decree lodged EPA and DOJ on the clean up of a superfund site there. They have concerns is the proposed remediation plan but I wanted to reach to you to get EPA's side of the issue. Would you have time this week for a phone call? I'm fairly open this afternoon and all day tomorrow. Let me know.

On another note, I've been meaning to follow up with you after the EPA district folks visited south GA. Our ag and forestry guys down there have raised concerns over the offroad diesel emissions and the use of diesel exhaust fluid. There seemed to interest in trying to be helpful on this front so I wanted to see if there is some way we can be helpful over here for yall.

Best,  
Daniel

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**CC:** Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** EPA Event Wednesday

Hello PJ – Administrator Wheeler is going to be in GA this Wednesday. We presume your boss will be in DC, but wanted to share in case someone on your state staff is interested and wants to join.

*WOTUS event with Acting Admin Wheeler and Dave Ross, AA for Office of Water  
4:30 pm-6 pm on 2/6/19  
McCorkle's Nurseries  
Neal's Mill  
5936 Maddie Harrison Road, Dearing, GA 30808*

Let us know if you have any additional questions. Have a great day.

Best,  
Tony

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**Subject:** 2019 Marks 25 Years of the UV Index, Yet Skin Cancer Remains the Most Common Cancer in the U.S.

Hello All – As we look forward to celebrating the long Memorial Day weekend, we thought it would be a good time to share the release below as a reminder to take action to protect your skin and eye health. No Fry Day (trust me, I know I am sending this at my own risk) is an important reminder of the damage UV rays can have on our overall health and wellness. To inform the public of the UV Index, EPA offers a free UV Index app on iOS and Android devices – now available in Spanish. To download the app, search for **EPA's UV Index in the iTunes App Store and on Google Play.**

Have a safe and reflective holiday and please don't hesitate to let either Holt (cc'd) or me know if anything comes up where we can be helpful to you or your office.

Best,  
Tony

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Director of Senate Affairs  
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# NEWS RELEASE

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## 2019 Marks 25 Years of the UV Index, Yet Skin Cancer Remains the Most Common Cancer in the United States

**The UV Index app is now available in Spanish for “Don’t Fry Day” on iOS and Android devices**

**WASHINGTON** (May 23, 2019) — The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 96,000 new cases of melanoma - the most dangerous form of skin cancer - will occur in 2019. With this in mind, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), joined by the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is recognizing the Friday before Memorial Day as “Don’t Fry Day” to encourage Americans to take action to protect their skin and eye health. One simple step is to become familiar with the Ultraviolet (UV) Index and how to avoid damaging UV rays.

**“Given the prevalence of skin cancer, we want to remind all Americans to be smart in the sun this holiday weekend and throughout the year,”** said Bill Wehrum, assistant administrator for EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation. **“The UV Index helps Americans prevent overexposure to UV radiation while we enjoy the outdoors.”**

EPA, the National Weather Service, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention work together to make the UV Index forecast available in the United States. To make accessing the forecast convenient for the public, EPA offers a free UV Index app on iOS and Android devices - now available in Spanish. The app gives daily and hourly UV intensity forecasts by location and provides recommendations on sun safety. To download the app, search for **EPA’s UV Index in the iTunes App Store and on Google Play.**

All people are equally at risk of eye damage and developing cataracts, but some people may be at greater risk of developing skin cancer depending on the color of their skin, a history of blistering sunburns in early childhood, the presence of many moles, or a family history of skin cancer. Also, UV

may be high throughout the year depending on factors such as location, elevation, and reflective surfaces. Reduce risk of skin cancer and eye damage by:

- Seeking shade when outside during mid-day hours.
- Wearing clothing that protects skin and eyes from UV rays.
- Generously applying SPF 15+ sunscreen and reapplying often.
- Being aware that reflective water, snow and sand intensify UV exposure.
- Avoiding tanning beds and minimizing sunbathing.

Download the app today, or visit [www.epa.gov/sunsafety](http://www.epa.gov/sunsafety) to check the UV Index online or subscribe to the daily UV Index forecast email.



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**Subject:** FW: EPA Takes Important Step Under PFAS Action Plan

Hello All,

Please find the below Press Release on the important steps the Agency is taking under the PFAS Action Plan. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. Have a great day!

Best,  
Tony

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## EPA Takes Important Step Under PFAS Action Plan

*Agency asks for public input on Draft Interim Recommendations for Addressing Groundwater Contaminated with PFOA and PFOS*

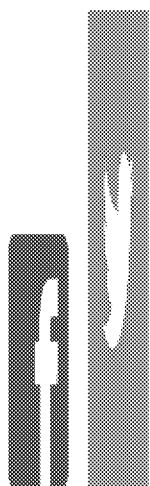
WASHINGTON (APRIL 25, 2019) — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released draft interim guidance for addressing groundwater contaminated with perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) for public review and comment. This is a key component of the agency's PFAS Action Plan. These draft recommendations will help protect human health in communities across the country by providing clear and consistent guidance on addressing PFOA and PFOS in groundwater under federal cleanup programs. This information has been requested by other federal agencies and the states and could be used by other federal, state and tribal cleanup programs.

"Today, we are delivering on one of our most important commitments under the PFAS Action Plan," said **EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "This interim guidance will support actions to protect the health of communities impacted by groundwater that contains PFOA and PFOS above the 70 parts per trillion level, and is a potential source of drinking water. This is a critical tool for our state, tribal, and local partners to use to address these chemicals."

EPA developed this guidance based on the agency's current scientific understanding of PFAS toxicity, including the agency's PFOA and PFOS health advisories. The recommendations may be revised as new information becomes available.

EPA has opened a docket for a 45-day public comment period. The draft guidance describes EPA's interim recommendations for screening levels and preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) to inform final cleanup levels for PFOA and/or PFOS contamination of groundwater that is a current or potential source of drinking water.

To view the draft guidance and to learn how to submit comments, visit <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>.



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**Subject:** Acting Administrator Wheeler Addresses EPA Staff

Hello All,

Today, EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler addressed EPA employees following his appointment to serve as acting administrator by President Donald J. Trump. In his remarks he highlighted his career of public service and engagement on issues directly impacting the Agency and how he plans to further promote the President's agenda during his tenure.

As we continue to work with you and your offices, please don't hesitate to let Christian Palich (cc'd) or me know if we can be helpful in answering questions, providing briefings, or through technical assistance on legislation. Have a great evening.

Best,  
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## **Acting Administrator Wheeler Addresses EPA Staff**

WASHINGTON (July 11, 2018) - Today, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler addressed EPA employees on the third business day of his tenure after being appointed acting administrator by President Donald J. Trump. The following are highlights from Administrator Wheeler's remarks:

**"I am humbled and grateful that President Trump has given me the opportunity to lead this Agency - the very Agency where I began my career in 1991 in the Pollution Prevention and Toxics Office as a career employee."**

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**"Just like me, you came to EPA to help the environment. I know firsthand how dedicated and passionate you are, and it is a privilege to work alongside you and lead the Agency in its vital mission of protecting human health and the environment."**

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**"We cannot forget that that the United States is the gold standard worldwide for environmental protection. Since 1970, emissions of the six criteria air pollutants regulated under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards established through the Clean Air Act have dropped 73 percent, while the U.S. economy has grown by leaps and bounds and lifted millions out of poverty. This is a remarkable achievement that should be recognized, celebrated, and replicated around the world."**

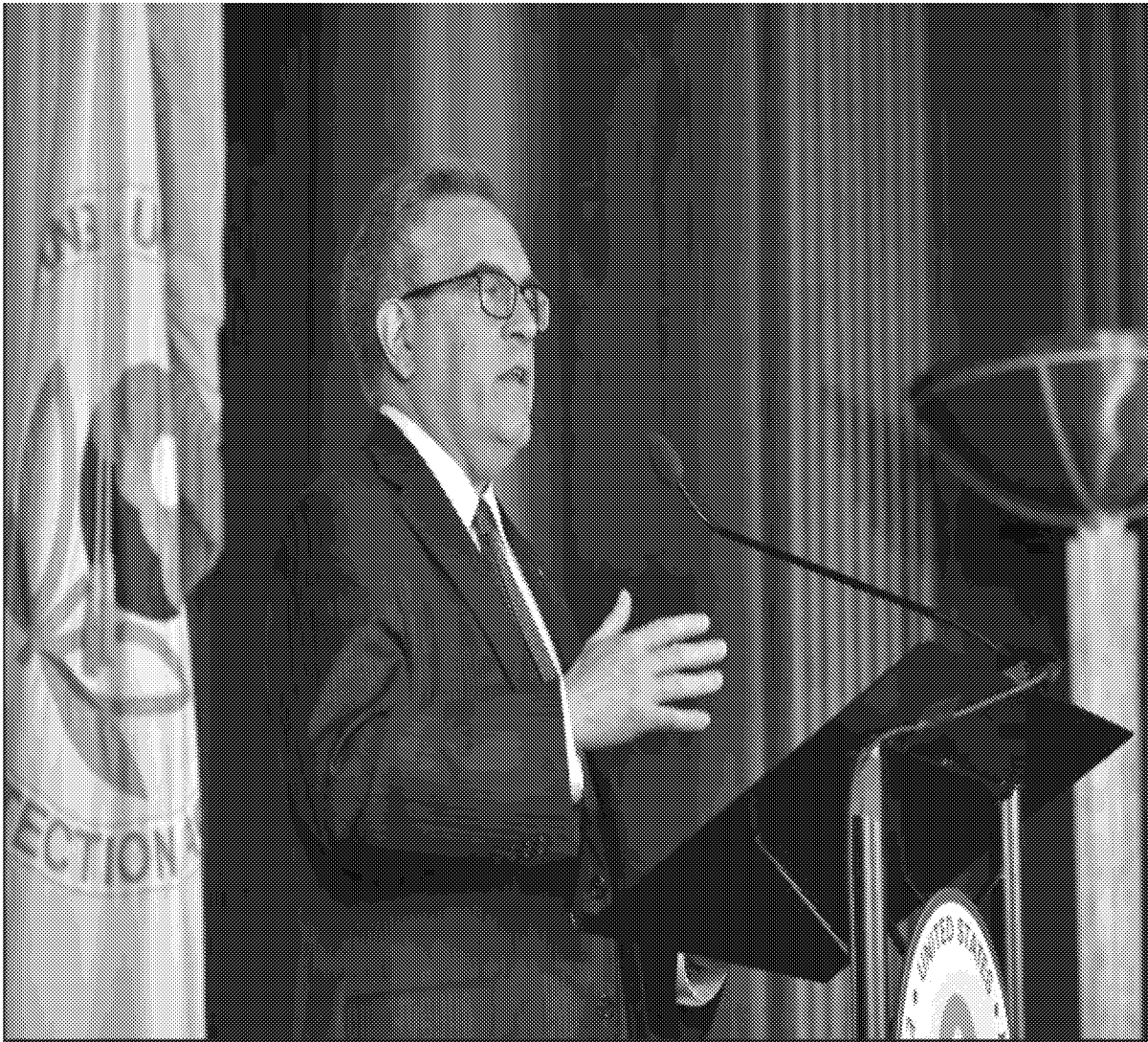
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**Subject:** FW: EPA Appoints Mary Walker As Region 4 Administrator

Hello All – We wanted to make you aware of the appointment of Mary Walker to serve as the Regional Administrator in Region 4, which is based in Atlanta. We look forward to continuing to have Mary as a part of our team and will be sure to make formal connections with you and your staff in the states as she assumes a more formal leadership role within the Agency.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if anything comes up where we can be helpful. Have a great day!

Best,  
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## EPA Appoints Mary Walker As Region 4 Administrator

**WASHINGTON** (May 28, 2019) - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced the appointment of Mary Walker of Georgia to become Regional Administrator for Region 4. Ms. Walker will oversee environmental protection efforts in eight southeastern states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee, as well as six federally-recognized tribes.

Ms. Walker has served at the Agency since 2016, most recently as the Acting Regional Administrator for Region 4. Prior to this position she served as the Deputy Regional Administrator for Region 4, where she provided leadership to the senior career staff. She also served as the Region 4 Water Protection Division Director from 2016 to 2018, where she implemented and oversaw federal water programs in the Southeast region.

"Mary's wealth of experience and expertise serving in both state government and as a senior career official at EPA makes her exceptionally qualified to lead Region 4," **said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "Mary's leadership and intimate knowledge of the region's concerns will ensure that EPA continues to work closely with the states, tribes, and regulated community to improve lives and protect the environment."

As an Alabama native and University of Georgia graduate, Ms. Walker has dedicated her career to serving the Southeast region. She started her career working in the Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and has served in various roles in Georgia state government. In 2012, she joined the Georgia Environment Protection Division and was appointed Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer in 2013, where she helped oversee the 750 person environmental regulatory agency. She joined the EPA in 2016 as Water Protection Division Director.

#### **Widespread Praise for Walker's Appointment:**

"As the acting-Region IV Administrator, Mrs. Walker has shown herself to be a capable leader. I appreciate her willingness to see the needs of Mississippians firsthand," **said U.S. Senator Roger Wicker**. "I am looking forward to working with Administrator Walker to find a solution to the ongoing flooding that has caused untold damage in our state."

"I congratulate Mary Walker on her appointment as the EPA Administrator for Region 4. Mary is uniquely qualified and will serve the Southeast Region well," **said Governor Phil Bryant of Mississippi**. "I've worked with her in the past and she certainly understands the role that a regulatory agency should have on the states. She is an excellent person to provide leadership for EPA in Region 4. I look forward to working with her for the benefit of Mississippians and the nation in the years ahead."

"Mary Walker is an outstanding choice for Region 4 Administrator. I've know and worked with Mary for a number of years and can attest that she has both the integrity and knowledge to successfully lead Region 4," **Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Director Gary Rikard**. "Mary's time as a state regulator gives her the unique ability to understand State's concerns and to help ensure the relationship between the States and Region 4 sets the bar for cooperative federalism"

"The Trump administration and EPA Administrator Wheeler could not have named a more qualified and capable person to be EPA Region 4 Administrator than Mary Walker," **Alabama Department of Environmental Management Director Lance LeFleur**. "She has the experience, smarts, judgment, objectivity, demeanor, and leadership skills

necessary for the challenging work of the Region. With the support of the excellent career staff in Region 4 I look forward to great things from Mary."

"I can't think of a better choice to lead Region 4 than Mary Walker," said **Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Noah Valenstein**. "I am fortunate to have worked with Mary on many critical state and regional issues and I am confident that her leadership and regulatory experience will be invaluable as we work together to meet the challenges ahead."

"Administrator Walker's deep experience in both the state and federal arenas makes her a great fit for this job," said **Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Charles Snavelly**. "Our interactions with her show that she is a great listener and will work with states such as ours to solve problems."

"I have had the pleasure of working with Mary Walker for many years. Her prior experience as the Assistant Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division gave her insight, experience, and knowledge of the diverse and unique environmental challenges that states and rural communities face," said **Director of Environmental Affairs at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Myra Reece**. "During her time as the Acting Regional Administrator at EPA Region 4, she has sought and incorporated states' input into the Region's priorities and initiatives. I'm very pleased to be able to continue working with Mary and her Region 4 staff to enhance and modernize cooperative federalism and collaboratively achieve SC's vision of *Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities*."

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**Subject:** FW: EPA Delivers On President Trump's Promise To Allow Year-Round Sale Of E15 Gasoline And Improve Transparency In Renewable Fuel Markets

Hello All – Please see below a release regarding action the Agency is taking to allow year-round sale of E15 and improve transparency in renewable fuels markets. Let us know if you have any questions. Have a great day!

Best,  
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## **EPA Delivers On President Trump's Promise To Allow Year-Round Sale Of E15 Gasoline And Improve Transparency In Renewable Fuel Markets**

**WASHINGTON** (May 31, 2019) - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler signed the final action that would remove the key regulatory barrier to using gasoline blended with up to 15% ethanol (E15) during the summer driving season and reform the renewable identification number (RIN) compliance system under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program to increase transparency and deter price manipulation. Taken together, these steps follow through on the Trump Administration's commitment to responsible environmental protection that promotes energy independence, regulatory reform, and increasing the use of biofuels to give consumers more choices, while supporting American farmers.

"Following President Trump's directive, today's action expands the market for biofuels and improves the RFS program by increasing transparency and reducing price manipulation," **said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "As President Trump promised, EPA is approving the year-round sale of E15 in time for summer driving season, giving drivers more choices at the pump."

With today's action, EPA is finalizing regulatory changes to apply the 1-psi Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver that currently applies to E10 during the summer months so that it applies to E15 as well. This removes a significant barrier to wider sales of E15 in the summer months, thus expanding the market for ethanol in transportation fuel.

EPA is also finalizing regulatory changes to reform certain elements of the RIN compliance system of the RFS program to increase transparency and deter price manipulation in the RIN market. The reforms include requirements for public disclosure if a party's RIN holdings exceed certain thresholds and additional data collections to

improve EPA market monitoring capability. These new reforms will also help EPA continue to gather the information needed to decide whether further action is needed to ensure stability in the RIN market.

To further strengthen confidence in the RFS program, EPA will soon sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Internal Revenue Service to promote collaboration and support efforts to prevent against RIN and blender tax credit fraud.

More information is available here: <https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/final-rulemaking-modifications-fuel-regulations-provide-flexibility>

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**Subject:** EPA and Emergency Response

All,

As you know, last year's hurricane season was both record breaking and destructive. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently released their [prediction for this year's hurricane season](#) and expect that it will be closer to "normal" or "slightly above normal."

With hurricane season beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, we thought this would be a good opportunity to highlight some information regarding EPA's emergency response program and our role in federal emergency response in the wake of natural disasters. Rest assured, as EPA begins to monitor potentially damaging hurricanes and other extreme weather emergencies we will be sure to keep you up to date on Agency actions and any information you and your bosses may need.

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### **EPA and Emergency Response**

EPA's emergency response program is called upon to respond to thousands of environmental emergencies each year, with assets and programs in place to address events ranging from oil spills and large-scale national emergencies to potential homeland security incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear exposure.

#### **Who Leads EPA's Emergency Response Efforts?**

EPA's emergency response effort is handled by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), which is staffed by roughly 240 emergency responders who are ready to deploy anywhere in the country. In the event of a major incident, such as what we saw during the 2017 hurricane season, OEM activates the National Incident Management Assistance Team consisting of experienced response personnel from all 10 EPA Regions to assist with response activities.



### **EPA Stays Calm Before the Storm**

In advance of forecastable disasters such as Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, EPA works to examine and secure Superfund sites, establish plans to assist public water system rapid assessments, and prepares for emergency fuel waiver requests. Additionally, prior to such events, EPA puts preparedness and readiness teams on standby to deploy should they be necessary. The Agency also maintains readiness by regularly conducting preparation exercises, providing tools to state and local planners, and working with chemical and oil facilities to inspect and provide guidance on risk management programs.

### **Working Cooperatively in Response**

During emergencies, EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. activates its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) so we are positioned to efficiently and continuously coordinate with our federal and regional partners, such as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and our EPA Regional response teams. Once activated, EPA has cutting-edge response technology to respond to disasters, including the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology (ASPECT) aircraft, Portable High-throughput Integrated Laboratory Identification System (PHILIS), and Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) vehicles.

- ASPECT is the nation's only airborne near real-time chemical and radiological detection, infrared and photographic imagery emergency response platform.
- PHILIS is a mobile laboratory for the on-site analysis of air, soil, and water samples.
- TAGA is a self-contained mobile laboratory capable of real-time ambient air monitoring, sampling, and analysis of outdoor air emissions.

### **After the Storm Has Passed**

Following emergencies, EPA assesses Superfund sites to ensure that no hazardous material has migrated outside of the affected area and works with state, local, and primary responsible parties to contain any spread that may have been caused by damage. EPA also works to ensure the safety of water sources, drinking water and waste water systems, approve necessary fuel waivers, and assist in any cleanup activities.

In response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, EPA assessed roughly:

- 5,000 drinking water systems;
- 1,200 wastewater systems; and
- 250 National Priorities List, EPA removal, and oil sites.

Additionally, EPA worked with the U.S. Coast Guard to address oil and hazardous materials released from more than 1,800 sunken vessels. We were able to pre-deploy our emergency response special teams and mobile assets to quickly conduct real-time analysis to assist in determining sources of threats to human health. To minimize or prevent disruptions with the supply of diesel fuel for mobile non-road generators and pumps used for emergency purposes, EPA also waived the diesel requirements in the hurricane affected areas.

Should you have any additional questions on EPA emergency response, please check out our emergency response page [HERE](#).

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Christian Palich at [Christian.Palich@epa.gov](mailto:Christian.Palich@epa.gov) or myself at [Frye.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Frye.Robert@epa.gov).

Best,  
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**Subject:** EMBARGOED: EPA Proposes Rule to Allow E15 Waiver and to Improve RIN Market Transparency

All,

Please find the below **\*EMBARGOED\*** press release re. EPA's proposal to allow E15 waiver and to improve RIN Market Transparency.

This release is embargoed until 3:00PM. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know. Have a great day!

Best,  
Tony

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## EPA Proposes Rule to Allow E15 Waiver and to Improve RIN Market Transparency

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**WASHINGTON** (March 12, 2019) – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed regulatory changes to allow gasoline blended with up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) to take advantage of the 1-psi Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver for the summer months that has historically been applied only to E10. EPA is also proposing regulatory changes to modify elements of the renewable identification number (RIN) compliance system under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program to enhance transparency in the market and deter price manipulation.

**“Consistent with President Trump’s direction, EPA is working to propose and finalize these changes by the summer driving season,”** said Administrator Andrew Wheeler. **“We will be holding a public hearing at the end of this month to gather important feedback.”**

Under the proposed expansion, E15 would be allowed to be sold year-round without additional RVP control, rather than just eight months of the year.

Proposed reforms to RIN markets include:

- Prohibiting certain parties from being able to purchase separated RINs;
- Requiring public disclosure when RIN holdings exceed specified thresholds;
- Limiting the length of time a non-obligated party can hold RINs; and
- Increasing the compliance frequency of the program from once annually to quarterly.

EPA welcomes public comment on the proposal and intends to hold a public hearing on March 29. Additional details on the comment period and public hearing will be available shortly.

### Background

On October 11, President Trump directed the EPA to initiate a rulemaking to expand waivers for E15 and increase the transparency in the RIN market.

For more information on the proposed rulemaking, please visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/notice-proposed-rulemaking-modifications-fuel-regulations-provide>

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Mr. Hale – I hope all is well. I know you are set to meet with folks from our Region 4 tomorrow morning. Unfortunately, I'm not able to join them, but don't hesitate to reach out if anything comes up where we can be helpful.

Best,  
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**Subject:** EPA Finalizes Affordable Clean Energy Rule

Hello All – Please find today’s release detailing EPA’s new Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule that also replaces the Obama-era so-called Clean Power Plan. The new ACE rule fulfils a major promise made by

President Trump to the American people to restore the rule of law and empower states to continue to reduce emissions while providing affordable and reliable energy for all Americans.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if anything comes up where we can be helpful. Have a great day!

Best,  
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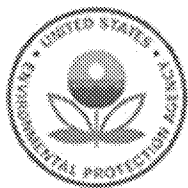
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**EPA Finalizes Affordable Clean Energy Rule, Ensuring Reliable, Diversified Energy Resources while Protecting our Environment**

**WASHINGTON** (June 19, 2019) – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the final Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule – replacing the prior administration's overreaching Clean Power Plan (CPP) with a rule that restores the rule of law and empowers states to continue to reduce emissions while providing affordable and reliable energy for all Americans.

Today's actions are the culmination of a review of the CPP, which was done in response to President Trump's Executive Order 13873 - Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth. The actions also follow challenges from a large number of states, trade associations, rural electric co-ops, and labor unions who argued that the CPP exceeded EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act, and an unprecedented stay of the CPP by the Supreme Court in 2016.

"Today, we are delivering on one of President Trump's core priorities: ensuring the American public has access to affordable, reliable energy in a manner that continues our nation's environmental progress," **said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "Unlike the Clean Power Plan, ACE adheres to the Clean Air Act and gives states the regulatory certainty they need to continue to reduce emissions and provide a dependable, diverse supply of electricity that all Americans can afford. When ACE is fully implemented, we expect to see U.S. power sector CO2 emissions fall by as much as 35 percent below 2005 levels."

The ACE rule establishes emissions guidelines for states to use when developing plans to limit carbon dioxide (CO2) at their coal-fired power plants. Specifically, ACE identifies heat rate improvements as the best system of emission reduction (BSER) for CO2 from coal-fired power plants, and these improvements can be made at



individual facilities. States will have 3 years to submit plans, which is in line with other planning timelines under the Clean Air Act.

Also contained within the rule are new implementing regulations for ACE and future existing-source rules under Clean Air Act Section 111(d). These guidelines will inform states as they set unit-specific standards of performance. For example, states can take a particular source's remaining useful life and other factors into account when establishing a standard of performance for that source.

ACE will reduce emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, mercury, as well as precursors for pollutants like fine particulate matter and ground-level ozone:

- In 2030, the ACE rule is projected to:
  - Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 11 million short tons
  - Reduce SO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 5,700 tons
  - Reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions by 7,100 tons
  - Reduce PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions by 400 tons
  - Reduce mercury emissions by 59 pounds
- EPA projects that ACE will result in annual net benefits of \$120 million to \$730 million, including costs, domestic climate benefits, and health co-benefits.
- With ACE, along with additional expected emissions reductions based on long-term industry trends, we expect to see CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the electric sector fall by as much as 35% below 2005 levels in 2030.

More information, including a pre-publication version of the Federal Register notice and fact sheets, are available at <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/affordable-clean-energy-rule>.

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**Subject:** Senate PFAS Briefing Invitation

Hello All,

To follow up on EPA's announcement of last week's First-Ever Comprehensive Nationwide PFAS Action Plan, EPA is planning to come to the Senate on Thursday, 2/28 to brief interested Senate staff on the plan. The meeting will take place at 2:00PM and will be located in 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

If you plan to attend, please reply to this email with your name/title/office, or the name of the staffer who will be attending from your office, so that we can ensure we have an accurate headcount. Due to size constraints, this briefing is for Senate staff only.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday. Have a great weekend.

Best,  
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**Subject:** FW: EPA Releases 2018 Power Plant Emissions Demonstrating Continued Progress

Hello All – Per the release below, this afternoon, EPA released preliminary data on 2018 emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and carbon dioxide (CO2) from power plants in the lower 48 states. This data shows a decline in both NOx and SO2 emissions compared to 2017. Let us know if you have any questions. Have a great day.

Best,  
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## **EPA Releases 2018 Power Plant Emissions Demonstrating Continued Progress**

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**WASHINGTON** (February 20, 2019) — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released preliminary data on 2018 emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from power plants in the lower 48 states. This data shows a decline in both NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to 2017.

**“These data show that America is enjoying ever cleaner air as our economy grows, and the U.S. continues as a global leader in clean air progress,”** said EPA Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation Bill Wehrum. **“Through state and federal fulfillment of the Clean Air Act, and advances by the power sector, we’ve seen significant reductions in key pollutants while electricity generation has increased.”**

The data shows a 4 percent decline in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions compared to 2017, and a 6 percent decline in SO<sub>2</sub>. Annual CO<sub>2</sub> from power plants rose by just 0.6 percent during the same time period, even while electric generation increased by 5 percent.

From 1990-2018, annual emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> from power plants fell by 92 percent and annual emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> from power plants fell by 84 percent. Total 2018 annual emissions were 1.26 million tons for SO<sub>2</sub> and 1.02 million tons for NO<sub>x</sub>.

These data support longer term trends in air quality progress. For example:

- From 1970 to 2017, the combined emissions of the six key pollutants regulated under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards dropped by 73 percent, while the U.S. economy grew more than 260 percent and the population continued to expand.

- Over the last decade, concentrations of sulfur dioxide have fallen by over 75 percent in the U.S.
- Carbon dioxide emissions from power plants dropped by roughly 20 percent since 2011.
- For power plants that EPA and states regulate to address cross-border ozone contributions, NOx emissions dropped by over 20 percent between the 2016 and 2018 ozone seasons.

As part of EPA's commitment to provide the public with access to high quality, relevant and useful information on the power sector, all of the data collected by EPA is posted online and accessible to the public. EPA collects detailed SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub> emission data and other information from power plants across the country, as part of Acid Rain Program, the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule and the CSAPR Update Rule.

EPA has updated our Power Plant Emission Trends [webpage](#) with data from 2018. These pages offer charts, maps and summary tables of the most recent emission data and other information on power plants. Providing the recently reported 2018 emission data from power plants across the country in multiple formats helps the public understand how SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from power plants are changing and when and where changes have occurred.

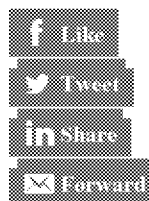
EPA also offers tools like the [Power Profiler](#) that enable people or organizations to plug in their zip code to learn emission rates and fuel mix for any part of the US, and also calculate emissions from their own electricity consumption.

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**Subject:** EPA Acting Administrator Announces First-Ever Comprehensive Nationwide PFAS Action Plan

Hello All – Below please find EPA’s press releasing announcing the Agency’s first-ever comprehensive nationwide PFAS Action Plan. This historic Plan responds to extensive public interest and input the agency has received over the past year and represents the first time EPA has built a multi-media, multi-program, national communication and research plan to address an emerging environmental challenge like PFAS. EPA’s Action Plan identifies both short-term solutions for addressing these chemicals and long-term strategies that will help provide the tools and technologies states, tribes, and local communities need to provide clean and safe drinking water to their residents and to address PFAS at the source—even before it gets into the water.

For more visit: [www.epa.gov/pfas](http://www.epa.gov/pfas). If you have any questions about this or other issues, please don’t hesitate to reach out. Have a great day!

Best,  
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## EPA Acting Administrator Announces First-Ever Comprehensive Nationwide PFAS Action Plan



*Historic plan outlines concrete steps the agency is taking to address PFAS and to protect public health*

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\*\*\*Watch the livestream of today's 9:00 AM EST press conference at [www.epa.gov/live](http://www.epa.gov/live)\*\*\*  
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**PHILADELPHIA** (February 14, 2019) – Today, at an event in Philadelphia, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced EPA's Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Action Plan. This historic PFAS Action Plan responds to extensive public interest and input the agency has received over the past year and represents the first time EPA has built a multi-media, multi-program, national communication and research plan to address an emerging environmental challenge like PFAS. EPA's Action Plan identifies both short-term solutions for addressing these chemicals and long-term strategies that will help provide the tools and technologies states, tribes, and local communities need to provide clean and safe drinking water to their residents and to address PFAS at the source—even before it gets into the water.

**"The PFAS Action Plan is the most comprehensive cross-agency plan to address an emerging chemical of concern ever undertaken by EPA,"** said EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler. **"For the first time in Agency history, we utilized all of our program offices to construct an all-encompassing plan to help states and local communities address PFAS and protect our nation's drinking water. We are moving forward with several important actions, including the maximum contaminant level process, that will help affected communities better monitor, detect, and address PFAS."**

The Action Plan describes long- and short-term actions that the EPA is taking including:

- **Drinking water:** EPA is moving forward with the maximum contaminant level (MCL) process outlined in the Safe Drinking Water Act for PFOA and PFOS—two of the most well-known and prevalent PFAS chemicals. By the end of this year, EPA will propose a regulatory determination, which is the next step in the Safe Drinking Water Act process for establishing an MCL.
- **Clean up:** EPA has already begun the regulatory development process for listing PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances and will issue interim groundwater cleanup recommendations for sites contaminated with PFOA and PFOS. This important work will provide additional tools to help states and communities address existing contamination and enhance the ability to hold responsible parties accountable.
- **Enforcement:** EPA will use available enforcement tools to address PFAS exposure in the environment and assist states in enforcement activities.
- **Monitoring:** EPA will propose to include PFAS in nationwide drinking water monitoring under the next Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Program. The

agency will also consider PFAS chemicals for listing in the Toxics Release Inventory to help the agency identify where these chemicals are being released.

- **Research:** EPA will develop new analytical methods so that more PFAS chemicals can be detected in drinking water, in soil, and in groundwater. These efforts will improve our ability to monitor and assess potential risks. EPA's research efforts also include developing new technologies and treatment options to remove PFAS from drinking water at contaminated sites.
- **Risk Communications:** EPA will work across the agency—and the federal government—to develop a PFAS risk communication toolbox that includes materials that states, tribes, and local partners can use to effectively communicate with the public.
- Together, these efforts will help EPA and its partners identify and better understand PFAS contaminants generally, clean up current PFAS contamination, prevent future contamination, and effectively communicate risk with the public. To implement the Action Plan, EPA will continue to work in close coordination with multiple entities, including other federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, water utilities, industry, and the public.

For more visit: [www.epa.gov/pfas](http://www.epa.gov/pfas)

## Background

In May 2018, EPA convened a two-day National Leadership Summit on PFAS in Washington, D.C. that brought together more than 200 federal, state, and local leaders from across the country to discuss steps to address PFAS. Following the Summit, the agency hosted a series of visits during the summer of 2018 in communities directly impacted by PFAS. EPA interacted with more than 1,000 people during community engagement events in Exeter, New Hampshire, Horsham, Pennsylvania, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Leavenworth, Kansas as well as through a roundtable in Kalamazoo, Michigan and events with tribal representatives in Spokane, Washington. The Action Plan was developed based on feedback from these events in addition to information received from approximately 120,000 comments submitted to the public docket.

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**Subject:** Advance notice and Invitation to PFAS Action Plan Briefing

Good Morning,

On Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, EPA will be rolling out our PFAS Action Plan. **\*The timing of this announcement is EMBARGOED until 9:00 am February 14<sup>th</sup>.\***

In advance of the announcement, at 4:30PM today, EPA will be offering a phone briefing for Senate staff with Dave Ross, Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Water. If you would like to join the call, please RSVP by replying to this email with the name, office, and position of that staffer. Additionally, feel free to share this information with the appropriate member of your staff. Please note that due to call capacity constraints, we ask that this call be limited to one phone line per office. Call in information is below:

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Additionally, following the announcement this Thursday, EPA staff will be reaching out to relevant committees and offices to coordinate in-person briefings next week. We will work with committee staff in order to find a suitable location for the briefing and be sure to keep you posted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Have a great day!

Best,  
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**Sent:** Friday, September 8, 2017 8:59 AM

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**Subject:** REUTERS: EPA chief says ready to further relax fuel standards due to hurricanes



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### EPA Chief Pledges to Secure Toxic Sites in Irma's Storm Path

Valerie Volcovici

Reuters

September 7, 2017

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-storm-irma-epa/epa-chief-says-ready-to-further-relax-fuel-standards-due-to-hurricanes-idUSKCN1BJ01S>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is preparing for Hurricane Irma's landfall on the U.S. East Coast by securing vulnerable toxic waste sites and easing gasoline standards to ensure steady fuel supplies, its chief told Reuters on Thursday. ...

"The most we can do is help people in these areas by monitoring drinking water and respond to real and tangible issues," he said in a brief telephone interview.

Hurricane Irma is expected to make landfall in Florida as early as Friday after slamming Caribbean islands with 185 mph winds, only days after Hurricane Harvey triggered record flooding in Texas that killed scores of people.

The EPA said has issued waivers on certain federal requirements for the sale, production and blending of gasoline to avoid supply shortfalls in the aftermath of Harvey and as Hurricane Irma approaches Florida.

Pruitt said he spoke with Florida Governor Rick Scott about potentially issuing more waivers on gasoline requirements if the need arises after Irma.

"EPA will grant additional waivers if requested," he said.

He said the agency is also evaluating 80 Superfund toxic waste sites from Florida to North Carolina to identify those at risk of flooding.

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

***\$5,089,395 GA Dept of Natural Resources Performance Partnership Grants***

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources supports the State of Georgia's environmental programs to protect citizens and the environment by reducing air and water pollution, improving air and water quality, protecting public water systems and ensuring safe drinking water, reducing hazardous waste, restoring contaminated facilities and land, and improving waste management practices.

Grant No: 96409617-3

***\$3,756,000 GA Dept of Natural Resources Nonpoint Source Implementation***

This action approves funding in the amount of \$3,756,000 to the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) for the implementation of programs and projects designed to reduce non point source pollution to achieve and maintain beneficial use of water in the State.

Grant No: 99445817-0

***\$15,000 Environmental Community Action Inc. Urban Waters Small Grants***

This action approves an award in the amount of \$15,000 to Environmental Community Action, Inc. which supports the development of content for the proposed Proctor Creek StoryMap. ECO-Action will coordinate community member activities to gather information on completed, planned and proposed green infrastructure projects at approximately 10 sites that are representative of the watershed.

Grant No: 00D58017-0

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

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***\$162853 Georgia Department of Natural Resources- Lead-Based Paint Program Assistance Agreement Designed to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning***

This action provides supplemental funding in the amount of \$162,853 to fund the state lead program to reduce health risks posed by exposure to lead-based paint by ensuring that individuals engaged in lead-based paint activities are certified and properly trained, that firms engaged in such activities are certified, that these activities are conducted appropriately, and that training programs are accredited. In addition, this grant will fund the state's work to become authorized for and implement the Pre-Renovation Education Rule and the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule. This action also extends the budget and project period to June 30, 2018.

Grant No: 98492413-9

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

***\$4,312,497.00 GA Dept of Natural Resources -Performance Partnership Grants***

This action provides partial funding to The Georgia Department of Natural Resources to support the State of Georgia's environmental programs to protect citizens and the environment by reducing air and water pollution, improving air and water quality, protecting public water systems and ensuring safe drinking water, reducing hazardous waste, restoring contaminated facilities and land, and improving waste management practices.

Grant #: 96409617-2

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No problem. How about 2pm next Wednesday?

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John, Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy I'm sorry to have to postpone but do you have time next week?

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

**\$410,330.00 GA Environmental Finance Authority Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**

This action approves an award in the amount of \$19,284,000 to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority which continues the capitalization of the Georgia Drinking Water State Revolving fund program by providing a long-term source of financing for the construction of infrastructure projects and for the administration of a range of activities such as small community technical assistance, capacity development, and operator certification. These practices will protect human health by reducing exposure to contaminants in drinking water, in fish and shellfish, and in recreational waters. Grant #: 98409914-1

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

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Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Atlanta for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct ten Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop one generic and four site-specific quality assurance project plans, four cleanup plans, and a community involvement plan. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities. The target communities to be served by this grant include Groundwork Atlanta, the Proctor Creek Watershed, the Atlanta Area Wide Plan area, and the Memorial Drive/DeKalb Avenue rail corridor.

Cleanup Grant

\$30,000 for hazardous substances

\$170,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Mitchell County for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the former Glausier Street Gas Station site at 334 Glausier Street in Pelham. The cleanup site operated as a filling station and automobile service center until the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners acquired the site in 2007. It is currently vacant. Soil is contaminated with benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, metals, and petroleum hydrocarbons. Groundwater is contaminated with benzene. Grant funds also will be used to prepare a health and safety plan, establish institutional controls for groundwater, and support community engagement activities, including the development of a community involvement plan.

Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Lifecycle Building Center for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Lifecycle Building Center site at 1116 Murphy Avenue SW in Atlanta. Since the late 1800s, the 3.6-acre cleanup site has been used as a machinery manufacturing facility, metal foundry, and commercial business space. The site's soil is contaminated with arsenic and metals, and groundwater is contaminated with arsenic and cadmium. The building is contaminated with metals and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Doraville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 30 Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop five cleanup plans and support community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on Census Tract 213.01.

Assessment Grants

\$150,000 for hazardous substances

\$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of College Park for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct approximately 13 Phase I and up to seven Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

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Assessment Grants

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Columbus Consolidated Government for two brownfields assessment grants. Communitywide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

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**Cleanup Grant**

\$150,103 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Sandersville for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Downtown Café site at 123 South Harris Street. The cleanup site was used as a railroad depot from 1908 to 1938, and later as a gas station and several restaurants. The 0.4-acre site, which is now vacant, is contaminated with benzene, xylene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals. Grant funds also will be used to remove four underground storage tanks and conduct community outreach activities.

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

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***\$23,709.00 Georgia Tech Research Corporation- Pollution Prevention Incentives States***

This action provides funding to Georgia Tech Research Corporation for a project that will focus on pollution prevention assessments and training to reach green principles to achieve process improvements and enhance environmental performance through energy efficiency and improved resource utilization to further sustainability.

Grant #: 00D52617-1

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

***\$86,700.00 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging Inc  
Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program Region 4 SEE Program***

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region IV Operations, Atlanta, GA.

Grant #: 83730001-0

**Kaitlyn Shimmin**

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**Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**

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**Sent:** 5/15/2017 9:01:22 PM  
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**CC:** Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron [ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

***\$157,042.00 Emory University Center for Children's Health and the Microbiome***

The Center for Children's Health, the Environment, Microbiome and Metabolomics is an interdisciplinary collaboration that aims to examine the complex interplay between exposure to environmental toxicants, the microbiome, and fetal/infant health in a community of women in metropolitan Atlanta.

Grant #: 83615301-1

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

***\$61,600 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging Inc- Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program Region 4 SEE Program***

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region IV Operations, Atlanta, GA.

Grant No: 83730001-2

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**Subject:** EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

***\$37450 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging Inc- Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program Region 4 SEE Program***

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region IV Operations, Atlanta, GA.

Grant #: 83730001-1

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**Subject:** Hurricane Florence--EPA POC's

**Importance:** High

Good afternoon,

We wanted to assure you that EPA is closely monitoring the projected path of Hurricane Florence. EPA staff in our regions 3 and 4 are conducting the necessary response planning to support any requests from our partners that are related to potential discharge and/or releases of oil or hazardous materials. In addition, the agency is prepared to assist the states if help is requested, and we will coordinate with state and federal partners as needed.

If you should have questions regarding specific issues under EPA's emergency response authority before, during, and after Hurricane Florence makes landfall I've included the appropriate points of contact for EPA Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs below. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can

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We will continue to keep you updated on EPA's response activities as the storm progresses. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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**Troy M. Lyons**

Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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**From:** Seals, Paul (Perdue) [Paul\_Seals@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/10/2020 8:37:28 PM  
**To:** OCIRmail [OCIRmail@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Congressional Inquiry  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt; [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Privacy Form.pdf

Good Afternoon, Mr. Brazauskas:

Please review the attached inquiry from [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] per your policies and regulations.  
Thank you so much for your assistance and guidance with this request.

Sincerely,



**PAUL SEALS**

*Constituent Services Representative*

**OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID PERDUE**

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phone: 404.865.0087 fax: 404.949.0912

direct: [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

# United States Senate

January 10, 2020

Joseph Brazauskas  
Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3426 WJC North  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Brazauskas,

The attached communication is sent for your consideration and review. I ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible, according to your policies and regulations. Please examine these statements and forward any necessary information to my office at the following address:

3280 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 2640  
Atlanta, GA 30305  
Phone: (404) 865-0087  
Fax: (404) 949-0912

Paul Seals is working this case for me and can be reached directly at Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thank you in advance on behalf of this constituent.

Kindest regards,



David Perdue  
United States Senator

**Privacy Act Release Form for the Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue**

Please Return Completed Form to:  
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PLEASE PRINT:

CIRCLE PREFERRED TITLE: MR. MS. MRS. DR. OTHER: Mr.

NAME: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

BUSINESS (if applicable): WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc.; Suwannee Riverkeeper

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: Please provide any relevant identification number in order for the appropriate Federal Agency to identify your records pertaining to this inquiry. Not all of the following identification numbers pertain to every constituent. Please provide any number relevant to your personal case.

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TAX ID NUMBER: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

FEDERAL AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT: Please specify the name of the Federal Agency or Department involved in the space provided below.

\_Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)\_\_\_\_\_

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Privacy Act, PL 93-579, I hereby grant Senator Perdue and his staff access to my records so that they may assist me with my case.

SIGNATURE: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_December 27, 2019\_

NATURE OF PROBLEM: Below, please provide a complete statement regarding the nature of the problem and the assistance needed from this office. Please attach copies of any additional pertinent documents.

STATEMENT :

\_We ask the EPA to get Valdosta to inform the public about its record-largest sewage spill into Sugar Creek, then downstream in the Withlacoochee River.

The 7,592,910 gallons of raw sewage spilled this time is more than the 6,273,595 gallons Valdosta spilled in two dozen incidents last December. There was no rain this time.

It's 3.45 times Valdosta's previous biggest single incident.

It's 42 times the biggest other spill in the GA-EPD Sewage Spills Report for December 10, 2019.

It took Valdosta days to notice one of their biggest lift stations was offline, or that input to their biggest WTP was half what it should be. Then it took almost 24 hours for Valdosta to post a press release.

Now that sewage is polluting the Withlacoochee River downstream at least as far as Knights Ferry Boat Ramp, and possibly as far as the state line. Valdosta has not put warning signs downstream on the Withlacoochee River. So families, including with small children, don't know not to go in the water. This is a public health threat.

Brooks County, Georgia, tells us they did not even know about this record sewage spill until we told them, so apparently Valdosta did not even tell Brooks County.

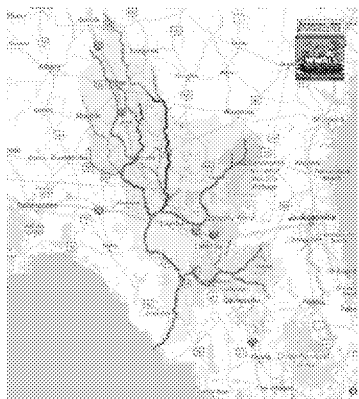
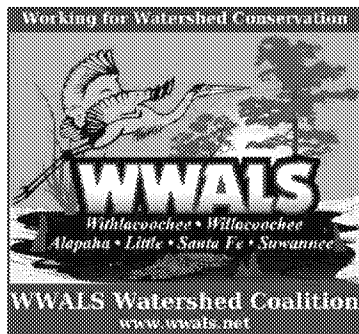
Valdosta is not publishing its water quality testing data, not even the data it is required by its NPDES permit to take daily after a major spill. We have obtained some of it and published it, but they are now requiring an open records request to get that data. The affected public needs to know about this public health threat.

Madison and Hamilton Counties, Florida, have each approved \$5,000 for well testing for their residents near the Withlacoochee River. They think Valdosta should pay for that. We concur.

Meanwhile, Valdosta should at least inform the public by publishing its water quality testing data and by placing warning signs at each river access point downstream, at U.S. 84, Knights Ferry Boat Ramp, Nankin Boat Ramp, and State Line Boat Ramp.

We are contacting the EPA because more than one state is affected: Georgia and Florida.

Much more information here: <http://wwals.net/issues/vww/valdosta-spills/#vldrecord2019>



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*Mission: WWALS advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, Santa Fe, and Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities.*



December 17, 2019

To: Richard Dunn, Director  
Georgia Environmental Protection Division  
[richard.dunn@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:richard.dunn@dnr.ga.gov)

Cc: Audra Dickson, Manager  
Wastewater Regulatory Program  
[Audra.Dickson@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Audra.Dickson@dnr.ga.gov)

Re: Valdosta record raw sewage spill, December 2019, NPDES Permit [GA0033235](#)

Dear Director Dunn,

Suwannee Riverkeeper for WWALS Watershed Coalition asks the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA-EPD) to require the City of Valdosta to do the items numbered below. Except for Item 1, all items apply equally to Valdosta's NPDES Permits [GA0033235](#) and [GA0020222](#), and they apply not only to this one record-largest Valdosta raw sewage spill, but also to all spills and to preventative and followup measures..

1. Apply stricter enforcement this time. There is an outcry from downstream for punitive fines after this record Valdosta raw sewage spill, which was larger than all two dozen Valdosta spills of last December put together, and 3.45 times larger than Valdosta's previous largest spill since 2015, when there was no rain. [wwals.net/issues/vwv/valdosta-spills/#vldrecord2019](http://wwals.net/issues/vwv/valdosta-spills/#vldrecord2019)
2. Require Valdosta to notify agencies, the media, and affected people and organizations in a much more timely and complete manner. As a Valdosta Daily Times editorial of December 12, 2019, says: "EDITORIAL: Fully, quickly disclose sewage spills: Valdosta must do better:"  
[https://www.valdostadailytimes.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-fully-quickly-disclose-sewage-spills-valdosta-must-do-better/article\\_25d14284-2c82-5c63-b233-f048238a8cc9.html?fbclid=IwAR3w12GA-xFShq4lInlISXqMXcoZGob8JlUeBIUp2T2GGTBtmAwZ492fGell](https://www.valdostadailytimes.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-fully-quickly-disclose-sewage-spills-valdosta-must-do-better/article_25d14284-2c82-5c63-b233-f048238a8cc9.html?fbclid=IwAR3w12GA-xFShq4lInlISXqMXcoZGob8JlUeBIUp2T2GGTBtmAwZ492fGell)
  - a. Require Valdosta to inform GA-EPD, Florida state agencies such as the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Department of Health (FDOH), Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD), and nearby counties such as Brooks and Lowndes Counties, Georgia and Hamilton and Madison Counties, Florida, as well as WWALS Watershed Coalition, as soon as a spill is discovered.
  - b. Require Valdosta to compose and distribute a detailed press release the same day as the spill is discovered, if at all possible. Almost 24 hours after this most recent and record-largest incident is not good enough.
  - c. Require Valdosta to set up an email notification system that citizens can sign onto so they can be notified when a spill occurs and for updates thereafter.
3. Require Valdosta to publish its own water quality testing results as soon as it has them, on its own website, and to put that data into the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream database in a similarly timely manner.
4. Require Valdosta to publish its plans and procedures for preventing such spills.
5. Require Valdosta to publish its logs of what actually happened related to those plans and procedures, leading up to, during, and after that spill.
6. Require Valdosta to help to organize and to fund where necessary a process for tracking any future Valdosta sewage spills down the affected streams, including but not limited to Sugar Creek and the Withlacoochee River, Mud Swamp Creek, the Alapahoochee River, and the Alapaha River, and the Suwannee River.
7. Require Valdosta to fund an alternative water supply (not in plastic bottles) for those whose wells are affected by Valdosta sewage in Hamilton and Madison Counties, Florida.
8. Require Valdosta to reimburse for extra costs due to this an any future spills, of Hamilton and Madison Counties, Florida, the state of Florida, and other parties, including but not limited to:
  - a. Water quality testing in rivers, creeks, and springs
  - b. Well testing, both for drinking water and for agricultural irrigation
  - c. Aquatic wildlife monitoring in rivers and springs
  - d. Wildlife monitoring on land

- e. Detecting and monitoring any related plumes of contamination underground
9. Require Valdosta to continue frequent, regular, water quality monitoring downstream at least as far as the state line, preferably weekly, at least monthly.
  - a. Including require Valdosta to resume water quality testing at Horn Bridge at the Georgia-Florida line.
  - b. Including require Valdosta to publish the results of its own testing as soon as they are available, on its own website, and with Georgia Adopt-A-Stream.
10. Require Valdosta to fund an educational campaign via a vehicle such as the Florida Counties Rivers Task Force to inform the public when the rivers are clean, when they are not, and where. Valdosta continues to fail to comprehend that every spill affects the entire Suwannee River Basin, adding to the stigma that causes people to stay off the rivers, even upstream, which is why even Columbia and Alachua Counties, Florida, are part of that Task Force. To reduce that stigma, far fewer and smaller wastewater spills from Valdosta would help, along with all the other numbered items above. However, much damage has already been done, and ongoing monitoring and public education is also needed.

There is also a growing sentiment downstream for legal action against Valdosta. WWALS member Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy who lives on the Withlacoochee River in Hamilton County, Florida, articulates that sentiment:

*"As a person living downstream on the Withlacoochee River in Florida, I feel shat upon by Valdosta over and over. I cannot drink the water from my well. I worry about the health of the river itself and the animals that live in it and drink from it. We in Florida were patient while Valdosta was improving their wastewater plant, which apparently was not adequate since we still have spills when it rains heavily. But this time it was not a rain event. It was gross negligence. I am out of patience. I believe it is time for legal action."*

Back in March 2015, WWALS helped organize a meeting with the City of Valdosta and interested parties, including Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

At that time, four and a half years ago, we thought that lawsuits against Valdosta would merely take away from funds needed to fix the problems. Yet tens of millions of dollars later with two new Wastewater Treatment Plants and a Force Main system, one of that system's Pump Stations failed when there was not even any rain, causing Valdosta's record-largest raw sewage spill. We have had to think again, and at this time it appears that it may take lawsuits to get Valdosta to think again.

GA-EPD already has the equivalent of a lawsuit against Valdosta, in the form of a Consent Order. Others may file other legal actions soon.

However, GA-EPD can require all of the numbered items above. For some of them, GA-EPD is the only organisation that can require them.

Thank you for your consideration.

For the rivers and the aquifer,

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Message

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**From:** Seals, Paul (Perdue) [Paul\_Seals@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 7/24/2019 6:20:05 PM  
**To:** OCIRmail [OCIRmail@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Congressional Inquiry  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt; [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Privacy Form.pdf

Good Afternoon, Mr. Lyons:

Please review the attached inquiry from [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] per your policies and regulations.  
Thank you so much for any assistance or guidance you might be to provide. Have a great day!

Sincerely,



**PAUL SEALS**

*Constituent Services Representative*

**OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID PERDUE**

3280 Peachtree Rd. NE| Suite 2640| Atlanta, GA 30305

phone: 404.816.3161 | fax: 404.816.3435

[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]

# United States Senate

July 24, 2019

Mr. Troy Lyons  
Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3426 WJC North  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Lyons:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration and review. I ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible, according to your policies and regulations. Please examine these statements and forward any necessary information to my office via fax at 404-865-0311 or by mailing it to the following address:

3280 Peachtree Road NE, NE, Suite 2640, Atlanta, GA 30305

Paul Seals is working on this case for me and can be reached at 404-865-0087

Thank you in advance on behalf of this constituent.

Kindest regards,



David Perdue  
United States Senator

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3280 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 2640  
Atlanta, GA 30305  
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Fax: 404-816-3435  
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STATEMENT :

The Marietta Journal published an article (JULY 21, 2019) "SMYRNA neighborhoods unaware of airborne cancer-causing toxin" by Brenda Goodman Webmd by Andy Miller Georgia Health.

The article states that in Smyrna Georgia, a Sterigenics plant which sterilizes medical equipment, implies the plant uses ethylene oxide and is emitting the known cancer-causing chemical at rates 27 to 61 times higher than the acceptable area concentration.

Our homeowner association is most concerned and needs factual federal and state EPA involvement as to the actual ethylene oxide emissions in the Smyrna area as well as what action is being taken ensure our community is safe.

Message

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**From:** Harrison, Delaney (Perdue) [Delaney\_Harrison@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/5/2019 2:53:36 PM  
**To:** OCIRmail [OCIRmail@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Congressional Inquiry  
**Attachments:** Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Privacy Form.pdf

Good morning,

Could you please advise if there is an update available on the case I have open for Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thank you for your assistance!

Delaney

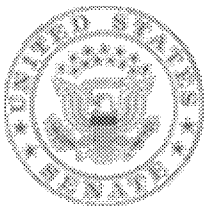
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**From:** Harrison, Delaney (Perdue)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019 4:15 PM  
**To:** 'OCIRmail@epa.gov' <OCIRmail@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Congressional Inquiry

Good afternoon,

Please review the attached Privacy Form per your policies and procedures. Any assistance or information you can provide is greatly appreciated!

Best,



**Delaney Harrison**  
*Constituent Services Representative and Senior Staff Assistant*

**OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID PERDUE**  
3280 Peachtree Rd NE | Suite 2640 | Atlanta, GA 30305  
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STATEMENT:

On Sunday, Dec 23, 2018, a pungent smell was detected in my home which smelled like gas. I contacted the gas company and was later advised by Southern Natural Gas that a chemical spill of Mercaptan occurred. I experienced extreme discomfort; however, was advised that there was no danger to the community. My physician has recommended and scheduled an appointment with a lung specialist for me since I experienced discomfort for several days.

In my attempt to determine what the chemical actually is and if it poses any short-term or long-term physical effects, I contacted the local EPA office. Unfortunately, due to the government shut-down, the office was and still is closed.

I am requesting your assistance in contacting this agency to determine exactly what happened, i.e., quantity of spill, danger to the community, etc.

Additionally, upon exiting my home, the odor was intensified and remained so for approximately 48 hrs.

Message

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**From:** Dann, Terri (Perdue) [Terri\_Dann@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/1/2018 2:23:41 PM  
**To:** OCIRmail [OCIRmail@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Congressional Inquiry  
**Attachments:** Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Privacy Form.pdf

Good morning!

Please review this privacy form per your policies and procedures. Any assistance you can provide for Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy is greatly appreciated. Additional information she provided is below in italics.

Best,  
Terri

*Hi Delaney,*

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy forwarded your email/question to me for further input.

*This concern involves the USACE (US Army Corps of Engineers) as well as the EPA, who's represented in Georgia by the Georgia EPD and Forsyth County.*

*There is a dam between Lake Lanier and The Lanier Golf Club Pond #1 that was built almost 50 years ago. The USACE has known about this dam for a long time, and even instructed the City of Cumming to place RipRap at its base when the City of Cumming sought an easement for an aerial Sewer line.*

*All site plans approved for zoning in the Lanier Golf Club development have included Ponds #1 and #2. Environmental Engineering Reports from 2 separate sources seem to have been ignored by Forsyth County, but both reports include the ponds as being preserved to maintain 4.5 acres open water. There are 13 streams, hundreds of Springs, manmade and natural aquatic resources that are state and federal waters. The environmental impact of removing the dam has not been studied. Further, the last zoning enabled the developer to increase their allowed MPD if they agreed to maintain and improve Ponds #1 and #2, and repair the dam.*

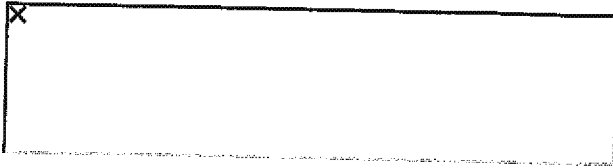
*Our homes have long been marketed with pond and golf course views. We now face two mud pits. We truly need help to understand why the environmental Impact has not been studied, and if there's a way to partner with the USACE to allow the dam to stay in place as it has been a part of our community for almost 50 years.*

*Please see email I sent 10/31/18:  
URGENT/ACTION REQUEST: Forsyth County/EPD/DNR/EPA*

*Thank you,*

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3280 PEACHTREE ROAD NE  
SUITE 2640  
ATLANTA, GA 30305  
PHONE: (404) 865-0087

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**PRIVACY ACT RELEASE FORM**

**Your Information**

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## Request Details

**Have you contacted any other elected official's office for assistance? If yes, which office?**  
Trying to reach Sen Isakson, Rep Woodall and Rep Doug Collins

**Senator Perdue and his staff may discuss my case with the following individuals**  
Forsyth County Commissioner Laura Semanson - District 5 Former Forsyth acounty  
Commissioner Jim Boff - District 5 Jeffrey Allen, Jack Schoer. Lisa Schoer, Gerry Sullivan,  
Denise Brady, Lauren Wigley, Lon Tanner

**Agency or agencies involved**  
USACE / EPA / GA-EPD/DNR, Forsyth County

## Explanation / Request

Forsyth County - Lake Lanier/Chattahoochee River Tri-state Watershed, metro Atlanta  
EPA, EPD,/DNR, USACE The story by Mike Petchenik WSB-TV has over 11000 views.  
<https://www.facebook.com/109253875813587/posts/2320937457978540/> Will you  
take an interest and help? FOCO District 5 Commissioner Laura Semanson would be a  
good contact - (470) 208-9126, losemanson@forsythco.com

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Signature **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**

Date: 10/27/18

If a request for assistance/Privacy Release form is sent to my Washington, DC office, the response time may be delayed as that request must be forwarded to my Atlanta Office. For timely assistance with your request, please forward your Privacy Release form directly to my Atlanta Office in Atlanta.

**Please sign, and mail to my office:**

U.S. Senator David Perdue  
3280 Peachtree Road NE  
Suite 2640  
Atlanta, GA 30305

Please call my office at 404-865-0087 with any questions

NATURE OF PROBLEM: Below, please provide a complete statement regarding the nature of the problem and the assistance needed from this office. Please attach copies of any additional pertinent documents.

STATEMENT :

1. The former Lanier Golf Club is being developed into a 321 home Palte subdivision. Reid + Reid is the developer
2. There are 2 ponds on the property that are retained by a dam where the Corps of Engineers has an easement. Reid + Reid have stated that they are going to remove the dam and release the ponds. The ponds drain into the Chattahoochee River and Lake Lanier. Multiple streams, wetlands and wildlife will be affected. On 10/23 the developer had the drainage pipes in the dam broken and the ponds started (& continue) to drain.
3. Two prior engineering studies (Groszman 11/12/07 + 4/26/07 and Register Nelson 9/19/07) assert that the ponds are not to be impacted in development and that 4.5 acres of open water remain. The site plan by Reid + Reid does not acknowledge or show any evidence that these stipulations are being followed.
4. Per Commissioner Laura Semanson, there was a provision in the zoning allowing the high-density townhomes on Buford Dam Rd that required the ponds be kept.
5. We are asking that work on this project be stopped until it can be determined that the developers are complying with prior zoning and engineering requirements and that the environment and watershed are protected.

Additional Contacts:

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Commissioner - Laura Semanson - 470-208-9126  
lsemanson@forsythco.com

Allen, Julie

From:  
Sent:  
To:

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy  
Wednesday, October 31, 2018 2:27 PM  
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Good morning Mr Capp,

Can you help?

More than 13,000 Residents of Forsyth County, Lake Lanier, the Atlanta metro area, and the Tri-State Chattahoochee River Watershed are concerned and have watched Mike Petchenik's WSB-TV 10/23/18 story: <https://www.facebook.com/109253875813587/posts/2320937457978540/>

1. What formerly was Lanier Golf Club is being developed into a 321 home subdivision. Reid & Reid (Danny Monroe Bennett and Danny Reid/Jorwell) are the developers.
2. Two of the ponds on the property are retained by a dam where the Corps of Engineers has an easement. Reid & Reid have stated that they will be removing the dam and release the ponds. On 10/23 the developer tampered with the drainage pipes and began to drain the ponds. The ponds drain into Lake Lanier. Pond #1 and Pond #2 are now mud pits.
3. The Groszmann Engineering & Environmental Services Reports (1/12/07 and 4/26/07) document 13 streams, numerous wetlands, and perhaps 100's of Springs, half of which follow into Lake Lanier while the other half flows east, through a large 100-year flood plain and then into the Chattahoochee River. The report documents aquatic resources that are "protected by federal, state, and local laws. Both federal and state law require that, in order for permits to be considered, impacts to aquatic resources must be avoided to the maximum extent possible, and any unavoidable impacts must be minimized." Reid & Reid are clear-cutting the property which includes numerous oaks more than a hundred years old. Both draining the ponds and clear-cutting the property is devastating the habitat and natural ecosystem.
4. Two previous engineering studies state that the ponds are not to be impacted and development will include 4.5 acres of open water. Reid & Reid's site plan does not acknowledge these studies or show any evidence of these stipulations being followed.
5. We are asking for help in stopping further work on the ponds until a neutral engineering/environmental impact study can be done to determine the environmental impact and oversight of adherence to the guidelines be established.
6. We want to initiate an inquiry into how & why Reid & Reid's siteplan was approved with no reference to two prior engineering studies that documented "the aquatic resources (lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, etc.) identified on the property that are protected by federal, state, and local laws. Both federal and state law require that, in order for permits to be considered, impacts to aquatic resources must be avoided to the maximum extent possible, and any unavoidable impacts must be minimized."

Reid & Reid's Northcove Phase II development (RC170031) will enable Pulte Homes to build 321 homes. What assurance has been given to the citizens of Forsyth County, Lake Lanier, the Atlanta metro area, and the Tri-State Chattahoochee River watershed that Reid & Reid are complying with all local, state, and federal regulations?

The original DRI #1200 application was submitted 8/25/06 and has expired. Identified errors in the DRI application include:

- 1) Water Supply Watershed? Response was (yes), but no documentation provided as to the potential affect on said Watershed. There was no disclosure of potential chemical, pesticide, herbicide pollution.

- 2) Significant Groundwater Recharge Area? Response was (no). Please review Groszmann Engineering Report In said property.
- 3) Wetlands? Response (no). Please review Groszmann Environmental Engineering Report In said property.
- 4) Protected River Corridors? Response (no). Please review Groszman Environmental Engineering Report In said property.
- 5) Floodplains? Response (no). Please review Groszmann Environmental Engineering Report In said property.

An updated DRI application is no longer required since the development dropped below the 400-home threshold, but residents of Forsyth County, Atlanta metro and the Tri-State Chattahoochee Watershed are left with no assurance of regulatory compliance.

Reid & Reid have communicated they are removing the dam between Lake Lanier and Pond #1 of the Lanier Golf Club. Do they have approval of the Director according to Rule 391-3-8-.07 Dam Removal (Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia-Subject 391-3-8 Rules for Dam Safety)?

Site plans for this development have never been approved without Pond#1 and Pond #2 being included as part of zoning applications or legal challenges. We are not aware of any environmental studies conducted to show the environmental impact of removing the dam between Lake Lanier and the Lanier Golf Club ponds. In fact, two separate studies prepared by both Groszmann Engineering and Environmental Services as well as Register Nelson indicate property development includes no impact to Pond #1 and Pond #2, and that the ponds must be protected against discharges of sediment and other pollutants.

Further, there is a stormwater easement agreement already impacting the ponds. The Engineering reports rely on 4.5/4.65 acres of open water being maintained as part of the development.

What assurance do citizens of Forsyth County, Lake Lanier, the Atlanta metro area, and the Tri-State Chattahoochee River watershed have that Reid & Reid are complying with all local, state, and federal regulations, preventing all non-source/point source pollution, siltation, sediments, and fill material from reaching Lake Lanier, and the metro-Atlanta and Tri-State Chattahoochee River Watershed?

We have no assurance of stringent review by state and federal agencies before impacting jurisdictional state and federal waters.

The 4/26/07 Groszmann Report states, "The January 12 report documented the aquatic resources (lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, etc.) identified on the property that are protected by federal, state, and local laws. Both federal and state law require that, in order for permits to be considered, impacts to aquatic resources must be avoided to the maximum extent possible, and any unavoidable impacts must be minimized."

The Groszmann Report dated 4/26/07 also includes sections on Erosion, Sediment, and Pollution Control which notes, "that approximately half of the site, including Streams #7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, all flow into Haw Creek, which the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division notes (in the DRI) flows to the Chattahoochee River and then to the State's trout fishery hatchery. GWRD notes that previous development activities have resulted in large fish kills at the hatchery. The remainder of the site flows to Ponds #1 and 2, which may not be used to trap sediment or other pollutants." (See Stormwater Drainage Easement Agreement (Doc ID 003291460010, Book: 4338, Page 638).

Further, the 4/26/07 Groszmann Report addresses Stormwater Management. What is known about post-development discharge rates? How does removing the Pond #1's dam impact volumes of

stormwater runoff by this project? What will be the adverse impacts to downstream aquatic resources and properties including stresses on pond dams and spillways? Will stream channels be destabilized, resulting in channel downcutting , bank erosion, and loss of adjacent properties including trees, yards, and fences?

The Groszmann Engineering Report dated 4/26/07 finally notes that streams that flow from the site to Haw Creek flow through private properties before reaching the creek, and these properties will likely be adversely impacted by the increased flows from the site, including possible flooding.

Lacking an environmental impact study for this development that seems to clearly have regional impact (DRI), what prevents a Flint River Environmental disaster from impacting Forsyth County, Metro Atlanta and the Tri-State Chattahoochee River Watershed?

We urgently ask for your immediate intervention and review.

Kind regards,

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- Stormwater Management - Erosion & Sediment Control - Streams - Lakes - Wetlands - Water Quality -

## Engineering Consultant

January 12, 2007

TO: Jim Quinn  
3345 Fairway Drive  
Cumming, Georgia 30041

RE: Lanier Golf Course -- Aquatic Resource Assessment

## Introduction.

This report concerns the proposed development of the property that is currently the Lanier Golf Club (the "Golf Club"), located at 2080 Buford Dam Road, Cumming, Forsyth County, Georgia. The proposed conversion of this property from golf course to high-density mixed use is likely to cause adverse impacts to aquatic resources both on and downstream of the site. Of concern are those aquatic resources (lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, etc.) that are protected by federal, state and local laws, including State Waters and Waters of the United States. Both federal and state law require that, in order for permits to be considered, impacts to aquatic resources be avoided to the maximum extent possible, and that any unavoidable impacts must be minimized.

This assessment and report are based upon my observations of existing conditions on the Golf Course and nearby properties during inspections conducted on May 10 and June 18, 2006, as well as my review of available documents, including: the US Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic) Map for Buford Dam, Georgia (DeLorme CD-ROM, 2002); the Soil Survey of Forsyth County, USDA SCS, February, 1960, and the Forsyth County GIS map, ©2005. Available aerial photographs from Google Earth and Microsoft Live Local were also reviewed.

**Observed Conditions – Lanier Golf Course and Adjacent Properties.**

During my inspection of the Golf Course and adjacent properties on May 10 and June 18, 2006, I examined the contours and slopes of the land areas, the types and locations of land surface coverage (vegetation, pavement, structures, etc.), springs, lakes and ponds, natural and constructed surface water drainage paths, constructed stormwater drainage systems, and other indications of surface and subsurface water flow. The Golf Course property is primarily manicured grassed areas for the tees, fairways and greens, with wooded or grassed areas between the fairways, and several buildings, including a club house and maintenance facilities. Paved areas include the parking lot and sidewalks for the club house, cart paths along the fairways, and roads that provide access to residences that border some of the fairways.



Numerous aquatic resources that are protected by federal, state and local laws were observed on the Golf Course site, including four ponds, numerous flowing, intermittent and ephemeral streams, many springheads, and several areas that may meet the criteria for jurisdictional wetlands as defined by the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (TR Y-87-1). Aquatic resources identified on the Golf Course property include:

1. Pond #1 – Located along the western side of the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway and green; discharges to the north into a Lake Lanier cove.
2. Stream #1 – Originates just east of the 18<sup>th</sup> tee; is piped under the 18<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> fairways; contained flowing water (is likely perennial); and discharges into Pond #1.
3. Stream #2 – Originates just east of the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway; is piped under Fairway Drive, a cart path and two fairways before discharging into Pond #1.
4. Pond #2 – Located immediately upstream of and discharges into Pond #1.
5. Streams #3 & #4 – Flow from townhouses located north of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway; both are piped across the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway.
6. Stream #5 – Originates near the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee; flows along the eastern side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway; contained flowing water (springs, likely a perennial stream); marked with wetlands flags; flows to a boggy area with wetlands flags at the inlet to Pond #2.
7. Stream #6 – Appears to be a constructed drainage channel along the west side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway; receives discharges from residential lots and a detention pond west of the Golf Course; drains to a wet vegetated channel (springs); marked with wetlands flags; piped across the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway to Stream #4.
8. Pond #3 – Located in the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway, has an outlet riser structure; receives inflow from a perennial stream that originates in subdivisions west of the Golf Course.
9. Stream #7 – Originates at the outlet of Pond #3; appears to be piped to a wooded patch between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> fairways, then to a larger patch of woods just north of the 5<sup>th</sup> green, then to a wooded patch between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways, and then to a wooded area between lots on Canon Creek Drive; likely a perennial stream..
10. Pond #4 – Located between the 6<sup>th</sup> green and the 7<sup>th</sup> tee; is not fed by a stream and does not have a significant drainage area; appears to be an irrigation reservoir fed by water pumped from the larger ponds or Lake Lanier; only outlet appears to be an overflow path to the patch of woods just north of the 5<sup>th</sup> green that also receives flows from Stream #7.
11. Stream #8 – Originates in wooded area between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> fairways; standing water near 4<sup>th</sup> green (spring); marked with wetlands flags; piped across 5<sup>th</sup> fairway to woods at end of Canon Creek Drive; likely a perennial stream.
12. Stream #9 – Originates on 16<sup>th</sup> fairway; is piped (with drop inlets) across the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway to the same wooded area between lots on Canon Creek Drive as Stream #7.
13. Stream #10 – Originates as a wide drainage swale between the 14<sup>th</sup> tee and the 17<sup>th</sup> green; flows across the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway to a wooded lot near the eastern end of Canon Creek Drive.
14. Stream #11 – Originates just east of the 14<sup>th</sup> tee and the 17<sup>th</sup> green; is piped under Fairway Drive and flows along the western side of the 13<sup>th</sup> fairway; is fed directly by springs and by numerous side branches with springs; is likely a perennial stream; flows across 13<sup>th</sup> fairway near tee; joins other perennial stream in power line easement.

15. Stream #12 – Originates in woods between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> fairways; crosses 11<sup>th</sup> fairway near green and 12<sup>th</sup> fairway near tee; is piped under 13<sup>th</sup> fairway to Stream #11.
16. Stream #13 – Originates in woods between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> fairways; has shallow channels that become deeper downhill; wet areas (springs and wetland flags); flows south through woods to Stream #11 near 13<sup>th</sup> tee; lower reaches are likely perennial.

#### Document Review.

Maps and other resources were reviewed to identify documented information about aquatic resources on the Golf Course and nearby properties.

The *USGS 7.5 Minute (Topographic) Map for Buford Dam Georgia* (DeLorme, 2002, attached) shows the elevations, land slopes, significant perennial waterways, and other features in the watershed that includes the Golf Course property. This map shows Ponds #1, 2 and 4, but does not show Pond #3 or any of the streams on the Golf Course site. However, the locations of almost all of the streams observed on the Golf Course (listed above) are indicated on the USGS map by co-linear U-shaped contour lines. Note that the USGS topographic maps typically show only the largest perennial streams, which are only a small percentage of the waterways protected by federal, state and local laws. See attached a second copy of the USGS map with the streams added in blue by the author and labeled with the stream numbers from the list above (ponds are labeled with numbers in boxes).

The *Soil Survey of Forsyth County Maps 14 and 15* do not show any of the ponds on the Golf Course property (the maps pre-date the creation of the ponds), but they show six of the streams observed on the Golf Course property as perennial or intermittent streams. See the attached figure with the two maps joined, and the perennial and intermittent streams highlighted in blue and labeled by the author with the stream numbers from the list above.

The Forsyth County GIS map shows roads, real estate parcels, topography, major streams, flood plains, and other information overlaid on an aerial photograph of the Golf Course and surrounding properties. The GIS map shows the four ponds, and Stream #7 and much of Stream #11 are shown as blue lines. In addition, the locations of almost all of the streams observed on the Golf Course (the same streams that are indicated on the USGS map) are indicated on the GIS map by co-linear V-shaped contour lines.

#### Applicable Laws:

Waterways are considered to be State Waters if they meet the definition contained in the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975 (O.C.G.A. 12-7-1, as amended) and the Forsyth County Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance: "Any and all rivers, streams, creeks, branches, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, drainage systems, springs, wells and other bodies of surface or subsurface water, natural or artificial, lying within or forming part of the boundaries of this state, which are not entirely confined and retained completely upon the property of a single individual, partnership, or corporation." This means that any waterway that conveys water that flows from

one property to another falls under this definition. Note that this definition applies to ephemeral waterways (so-called "wet weather" streams) and constructed drainage channels ("drainage ditches") as well as to perennial and intermittent streams.

State and local laws protect all State Waters from impacts by development activities. These laws require that development activities stay outside of vegetative buffer areas along all State Waters unless a variance is issued by the EPD Director (ref. O.C.G.A. 12-7-6 (b)): "(15) ... there is established a 25 foot buffer along the banks of all state waters, as measured horizontally from the point where vegetation has been wrested by normal stream flow or wave action, except where the director determines to allow a variance that is at least as protective of natural resources and the environment, where otherwise allowed by the director pursuant to Code Section 12-2-8, or where a drainage structure or a roadway drainage structure must be constructed ..." (emphasis added). Exceptions are also provided for water and sewer lines that cause minimal impacts to the buffer. Note that local officials have no authority to grant a buffer variance or to allow any land-disturbing activities within 25-feet of State Waters (other than the exceptions noted above).

The *Unified Development Code of Forsyth County*, Chapter 18, Section 5.15 requires "A fifty (50) foot undisturbed buffer and a seventy-five (75) foot impervious setback shall be maintained on both sides of all State Waters and Wetlands." Water and sewer utility lines and pumping stations are permitted in the buffer with the agreement of the Directors of Planning & Development and Water & Sewer. Perpendicular crossings by other utilities are allowed. This ordinance forbids any development activities within this buffer (other than the exceptions noted above), which extends an additional 25 feet beyond the State's 25 foot buffer. Note that encroachment into the state 25-foot buffer still requires a variance from the EPD director.

As defined by the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), "Waters of the United States" are all waters which may be used for interstate or foreign commerce, which includes "all interstate waters including interstate wetlands" and "all other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds...and their tributaries." Section 404 of the CWA establishes a permitting process for activities that may affect the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters, which is administered by the Regulatory Branch of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. By definition, any waterways on this property are considered to be Waters of the United States, and any wetlands receive additional protections as "Special Aquatic Sites."

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires that, for many projects that will impact Waters of the United States, notification be made to the Corps of Engineers, and in many cases requires the issuance of a permit before the project can begin. Residential, commercial and institutional developments may qualify for a Nationwide Permit #39, which allows impacts of up to 0.5 acres of Waters of the U.S. (including wetlands and ephemeral streams) and 300 linear feet of stream channels after the required notice, review and approval process by the Corps. Note that impacts are cumulative, so impacts that currently exist on the property (including piped streams) must be included in the quantities reported to the Corps. Notice to the Corps is required if: a) the area of wetlands or ephemeral streams impacted is more than 0.1 acre; b) the project will cause the loss of any area of open waters (including perennial and intermittent streams) below the ordinary high water mark; or c) the project will cause the loss of more than 300 linear feet of intermittent

streams.. If the plans for a development call for impacts to more than 300 feet of streams or 0.5 acres of wetlands, the developer will be required to obtain an Individual Permit from the Corps of Engineers, which involves notification to all appropriate agencies and subsequent review and comment periods. These requirements are in addition to the requirements for a buffer variance permit from the director of the Georgia EPD.

#### Findings and Conclusions.

From my assessment of the Golf Course and nearby properties, and my review of available maps and aerial photographs, I have determined that there are four (4) ponds, numerous springs and wetland areas, and thirteen (13) streams totaling approximately nine thousand (9,000) feet of streams on the site that are protected by federal, state and local laws. Any proposed development activities will likely impact some of these waterways, and will require permits from the EPD director (buffer variance) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Section 404 permit). Significant lengths of many of these waterways were piped when the Golf Course was originally constructed, enough that the owner was legally required to obtain an Individual Permit from the Corps of Engineers. Any new development will require that a second Individual Permit be obtained, with any new impacts added to those defined in the original permit. In order to qualify for a buffer variance or Section 404 permit, the applicable laws require that impacts to aquatic resources be avoided to the maximum extent possible, and that any unavoidable impacts must be minimized.

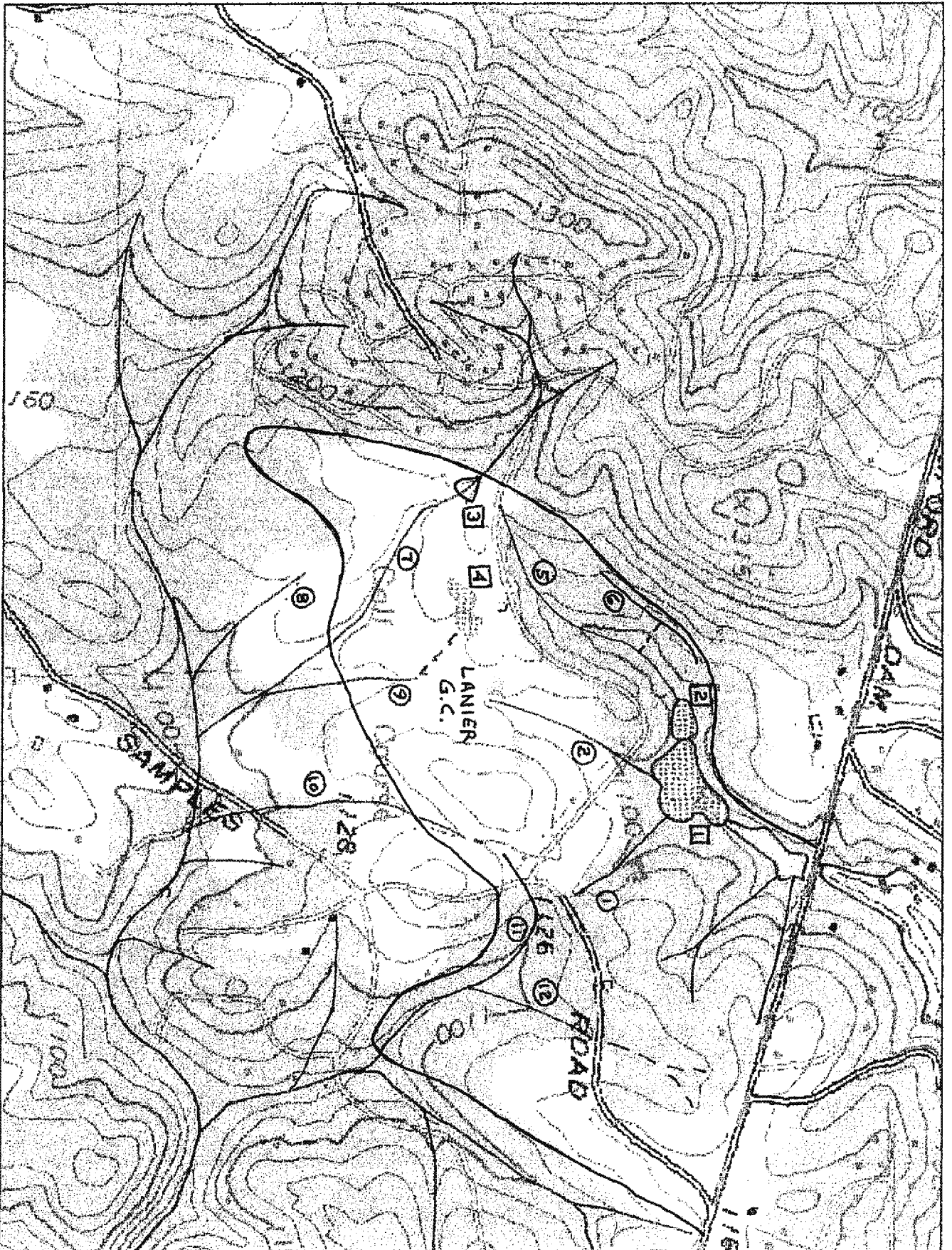
Development of the golf course property will certainly result in the replacement of wooded and grassed land areas with impervious surfaces – streets, sidewalks, rooftops, driveways, parking lots, etc. This conversion of the land cover will dramatically alter the hydrologic characteristics (velocities, flowrates and volumes of discharges) of the watersheds that receive stormwater runoff from these areas. Increased stormwater discharges de-stabilize downstream channels, causing bank erosion and down-cutting of stream beds, often resulting in the loss of trees, fences and adjacent land areas and flooding of properties and structures. Although the County stormwater ordinance requires stormwater detention ponds that restrict the rates of discharges for the larger, less frequent storms, it does not address the increased volumes of stormwater that flow from impervious areas. These discharges exert increased stresses that damage stream channels, and can contribute to flooding when combined with other discharges. Also, discharges from impervious areas typically contain increased levels of numerous pollutants, including gasoline, grease, oil, heavy metals, antifreeze, etc. Note that extended detention ponds, which are intended to reduce pollutants in runoff from impervious areas, address only suspended pollutants, and do not reduce dissolved or floating pollutants.

I hereby certify that this assessment, analysis and report are true and accurate, and have been performed to the best of my professional abilities.



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Glynn Forrest Groszmann, PE, CPESC  
Engineering Consultant

April 26, 2007

TO: Jim Quinn  
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RE: Lanier Golf Course - Impacts to Aquatic Resources by Proposed Development

**Introduction.**

This report is a follow-up to my report dated January 12, 2007 concerning the proposed development of the property that is currently the Lanier Golf Club (the "Golf Club"), located at 2080 Buford Dam Road, Cumming, Forsyth County, Georgia. The proposed conversion of this property from golf course to high-density mixed-use is likely to cause adverse impacts to aquatic resources both on and downstream of the site. The January 12 report documented the aquatic resources (lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, etc.) identified on the property that are protected by federal, state and local laws. Both federal and state law require that, in order for permits to be considered, impacts to aquatic resources must be avoided to the maximum extent possible, and any unavoidable impacts must be minimized.

This follow-up report documents the impacts to aquatic resources that will be caused by the proposed development as depicted on the "Rezoning Exhibit for: The Woodlands by Wellstone" (the "Plan"), produced by Landmark Design Associates (Buford, Georgia), revised February 27, 2007.

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**Impacts to Aquatic Resources as Shown on the Plan.**

The following is the list of aquatic resources identified on the Golf Course site as contained in the January 12, 2007 report. At the end of the description of each resource is a description (written in red) of the impacts to the resource as depicted in the Plan. The distances stated were obtained by measuring from the edge of the street right-of-ways and lot lines as shown on the Plan. Impacts due to road crossings are not included. Note that grading for roads and lots may cause encroachments beyond what is stated below.

1. Pond #1 - Located along the western side of the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway and green; discharges to the north into a Lake Lanier cove. The Plan does not show any direct impacts to this pond; however, the pond must be protected against discharges of sediment and other pollutants.

2. Stream #1 – Originates just east of the 18<sup>th</sup> tee; is piped under the 18<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> fairways; contained flowing water (is likely perennial); and discharges into Pond #1. The Plan shows numerous townhomes constructed on top of this resource over its entire length.
3. Stream #2 – Originates just east of the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway; is piped under Fairway Drive, a cart path and two fairways before discharging into Pond #1. The Plan shows Street O located parallel to and less than 50 feet from the stream for a length of ~300 feet.
4. Pond #2 – Located immediately upstream of and discharges into Pond #1. The Plan does not show any direct impacts to this pond; however, this pond must be protected against discharges of sediment and other pollutants.
5. Streams #3 & #4 – Flow from townhouses located north of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway; both are piped across the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway. The Plan does not show any impacts to these resources.
6. Stream #5 – Originates near the 3<sup>rd</sup> green (note: this is a correction of the January 12 description); flows along the eastern side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway; contained flowing water (springs, likely a perennial stream); marked with wetlands flags; flows to a boggy area with wetlands flags at the inlet to Pond #2. The Plan shows Street O encroaching on the upper ~200 feet of this stream channel and its buffer.
7. Stream #6 – Appears to be a constructed drainage channel along the west side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway; receives discharges from residential lots and a detention pond west of the Golf Course; drains to a wet vegetated channel (springs); marked with wetlands flags; piped across the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway to Stream #5 (note: this is a correction of the January 12 description). The constructed drainage channel will be at the rear of single-family lots and should not be impacted; however, the Plan shows lots located on top of the springs and wet vegetated channel.
8. Pond #3 – Located in the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway, has an outlet riser structure; receives inflow from a perennial stream that originates in subdivisions west of the Golf Course. The Plan shows Street O located 0 to 20 feet from the edge of the pond for a length of 160 feet along the dam.
9. Stream #7 – Originates at the outlet of Pond #3; appears to be piped to a wooded patch between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> fairways, then to a larger patch of woods just north of the 5<sup>th</sup> green, then to a wooded patch between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways, and then to a wooded area between lots on Canon Creek Drive; likely a perennial stream. The Plan shows the upper reaches in a protected open space area; however, it also shows town homes constructed on top of the stream and its buffers on the northwest side of Street L.
10. Pond #4 – Located between the 6<sup>th</sup> green and the 7<sup>th</sup> tee; is not fed by a stream and does not have a significant drainage area; appears to be an irrigation reservoir fed by water pumped from the larger ponds or Lake Lanier; only outlet appears to be an overflow path to the patch of woods just north of the 5<sup>th</sup> green that also receives flows from Stream #7. The Plan does not show any direct impacts to this pond; however, this pond must be protected against discharges of sediment and other pollutants.
11. Stream #8 – Originates in wooded area between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> fairways; standing water near 4<sup>th</sup> green (spring); marked with wetlands flags; piped across 5<sup>th</sup> fairway to woods at end of Canon Creek Drive; likely a perennial stream. The Plan shows the upper reaches in a protected open space area; however, it also shows town homes constructed on or immediately adjacent to the springs and wetland area, and Lot 592 is located on top of the stream and its buffers near Canon Creek Drive.



12. Stream #9 – Originates on 16<sup>th</sup> fairway; is piped (with drop inlets) across the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway to the same wooded area between lots on Canon Creek Drive as Stream #7. The Plan shows the short boulevard connecting Street L with Streets C and F located in the area of this shallow flow path. Note: This may not be a protected resource.
13. Stream #10 – Originates as a wide drainage swale between the 14<sup>th</sup> tee and the 17<sup>th</sup> green; flows across the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway to a wooded lot near the eastern end of Canon Creek Drive. The Plan shows Street L and Lot 615 located on top of this broad swale for a length of ~700 feet. Note: This may not be a protected resource.
14. Stream #11 – Originates just east of the 14<sup>th</sup> tee and the 17<sup>th</sup> green; is piped under Fairway Drive and flows along the western side of the 13<sup>th</sup> fairway; is fed directly by springs and by numerous side branches with springs; is likely a perennial stream; flows across 13<sup>th</sup> fairway near tee; joins other perennial stream in power line easement. The Plan shows this stream located in a protected open space area, so it should not be directly impacted.
15. Stream #12 – Originates in woods between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> fairways; crosses 11<sup>th</sup> fairway near green and 12<sup>th</sup> fairway near tee; is piped under 13<sup>th</sup> fairway to Stream #11. The plan shows Street K located on top of or within 50 feet of this stream for a length of ~300 feet.
16. Stream #13 – Originates in woods between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> fairways; has shallow channels that become deeper downhill; wet areas (springs and wetland flags); flows south through woods to Stream #11 near 13<sup>th</sup> tee; lower reaches are likely perennial. The Plan shows this stream located in a protected open space area, so it should not be directly impacted.

#### Summary of Impacts to Streams, Ponds and their Buffers:

<u>RESOURCE</u>	<u>IMPACTED LENGTH</u>
- Stream #1	~800 Linear Feet
- Stream #2	~800 Linear Feet
- Stream #5	~200 Linear Feet
- Pond #3	~160 Linear Feet
- Stream #7	~100 Linear Feet
- Stream #8	~100 Linear Feet
- Stream #12	~300 Linear Feet
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~2,460 Linear Feet</b>

#### Summary of Impacts to Springs and Wetlands.

<u>RESOURCE</u>	<u>POSSIBLE IMPACTS</u>
- Stream #1	Springs
- Stream #5	Springs, wetland area
- Stream #6	Springs
- Stream #8	Springs, wetland area

## Erosion, Sediment and Pollution Control.

The *Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act* ("GESA") and the NPDES General Permit for *Stormwater Discharges Associated With Construction Activity* ("NPDES Permit") require that sources of sediment pollution be controlled and minimized at the source by protecting and stabilizing exposed soil surfaces against erosion promptly with best management practices ("BMPs") that meet or exceed the requirements of the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia ("Manual"). Failure to properly control erosion at its source can result in large quantities of eroded sediment in stormwater runoff. BMPs for the filtering and trapping of eroded soil sediment in runoff must also be installed per the Manual to prevent sediment in stormwater runoff from being discharged into protected aquatic resources. Eroded soil sediment caused by the development of this site must not be allowed to enter the streams, springs, wetlands and ponds identified in this reports. The NPDES Permit also requires the control and prevention of discharges of other pollutants into protected waterways.

This site, with its high density of development, will result in large areas of disturbed and exposed soils, which creates a severe threat of soil erosion and sediment discharges into protected aquatic resources. Note that approximately half of the site, including Streams #7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, all flow to Haw Creek, which the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division notes (in the DRI) flows to the Chattahoochee River and then to the State's trout fish hatchery. GWRD notes that previous development activities have resulted in large fish kills at the hatchery. The remainder of the site flows to Ponds #1 and 2, which may not be used to trap sediment or other pollutants.

## Stormwater Management.

The high density and high percentage of impervious areas in the proposed project will result in dramatically increased stormwater discharges from the site. If the required hydrological study overestimates the pre-development rates (as is often the case), then it is likely that post-development discharge rates will exceed the actual pre-development rates. Volumes of stormwater runoff will be significantly increased by the development of this project, likely by 100 percent or more. These increased flows will likely cause adverse impacts to downstream aquatic resources and properties, including stresses on pond dams and spillways, and de-stabilized stream channels, resulting in channel downcutting, bank erosion, and loss of adjacent properties including trees, yards and fences. Note that the streams that flow from the site to Haw Creek flow through private properties before reaching the creek, and these properties will likely be adversely impacted by the increased flows from the site, including possible flooding.

I hereby certify that this assessment, analysis and report are true and accurate, and have been performed to the best of my professional abilities.

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Environmental Consultants

September 19, 2007

Mr. John Lowery  
Wellstone Communities  
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RE: Impacts to Aquatic Resources by Proposed Development  
Buford Dam Road  
Forsyth County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lowery:

This letter is provided in response to the comments generated in Mr. Glynn Groszmann's report dated April 26, 2007 regarding the proposed impacts to the mixed-use project on the land that is currently occupied by the Lanier Golf Course, located at 2080 Buford Dam Road, Cumming, Forsyth County, Georgia. In response to this letter, we utilized our knowledge and review of applicable State and federal laws, the existing conditions of the site's jurisdictional waters, and the review of a project site plan, dated September 10, 2007. According to Mr. Groszmann's report, 2,460 linear feet of jurisdictional waters and potential additional springs and wetlands would be impacted by the proposed project. Our review finds that the revised September 10, 2007 site plan demonstrates proposed impacts to approximately 900 linear feet of streams as well as minimal wetland impacts.

The following is a list of 16 potential impacts identified by Mr. Groszmann, as stated in his April 26, 2007 report. Please find below, our response to these 16 points, which includes a location of the site's jurisdictional waters, current site plan potential impacts, and applicable Federal, State, and local laws and permitting processes. The comments of Mr. Groszmann are numbered 1 through 16 below and responses to these comments are included.

Groszmann Comment

1. Pond #1 - Located along the western side of the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway and green; discharges to the north into a Lake Lanier cove. The plan does not show any direct impacts to this pond; however, the pond must be protected against discharges of sediment and other pollutants.

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After reviewing the September 10, 2007 site plan, Pond #1 would not be impacted and there would be no encroachment within the 50-foot stream buffer or within the 75-foot impervious surface area. The site plan shows a total of 4.5-acres of green space, which includes Pond #2, to be preserved in this area. In order to protect the site from sedimentation and other pollutants, the Forsyth County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Ordinance would be adhered to for detention and water quality requirements during and after land-disturbing activities take place on the proposed project.

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Groszmann Comment

2. Stream #1 – Originates just east of the 18<sup>th</sup> tee; is piped under the 18<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> fairways; contained flowing water (is likely perennial); and discharges into Pond #1. *The plan shows numerous townhomes constructed on top of this resource over its entire length.*

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The majority of this stream has been previously piped. The September 10, 2007 site plan reflects minimization of impacts to Stream #1. A total of 23-linear feet of open channel stream would be impacted by the discharge of fill into jurisdictional waters. Due to the majority of stream being already piped, fill would not be discharged into jurisdictional waters within these piped areas. The remainder of the open portion of stream (64-linear feet), the 50-foot stream buffer, and 0.03-acres of wetland would not be impacted under the existing site plan.

All federal, State, and County applicable laws would be adhered to in the event that permits and variances are required.

Groszmann Comment

3. Stream #2 – Originates just east of the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway; is piped under Fairway Drive, a cart path and two fairways before discharging into Pond #1. *The plan shows Street C located parallel to and less than 50 feet from the stream for a length of ~ 800 feet.*

Register-Nelson Response

The September 10, 2007 revised plan calls for a stormwater management pond to be constructed on Stream #2. A total of 332-linear feet of stream would be impacted by the construction of a storm water management pond and by the construction of Street L. The remaining portion of stream was previously impacted by pipe. In not disturbing the existing pipe, there would be no discharge of fill within jurisdictional waters and no Corps permit would be needed for this portion of piped stream. The applicant would apply for the appropriate Corps, and if applicable, EPD permits, which would require stringent review by federal and state agencies, before being authorized to incorporate these impacts. These permits also require that compensatory mitigation is fulfilled in order to minimize the loss of wetlands and other jurisdictional waters.

Groszmann Comment

4. Pond #2 – Located immediately upstream of and discharges into Pond #1. *The Plan does not show any direct impacts to this pond; however, this pond must be protected against discharges of sediment and other pollutants.*

Register-Nelson Response

After reviewing the September 10, 2007 site plan, Pond #2 would not be impacted and there would be no encroachment within the 50-foot stream buffer or within the 75-foot impervious surface area. Along with Pond #1, a total of 4.5 acres of open water and green space would be preserved in this area under the current site plan. In order to protect the site from sedimentation and other pollutants, the Forsyth County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Ordinance would be

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adhered to for detention and water quality requirements during and after land-disturbing activities take place on the proposed project.

**Groszmann Comment**

**5. Streams #3 & #4 – Flow from townhouses located north of the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway; both are piped across the 2<sup>nd</sup> fairway. The Plan does not show any impacts to these resources.**

**Register-Nelson Response**

After reviewing the September 10, 2007 site plan, Stream #3 would not be impacted and there would be no encroachment within the 50-foot stream buffer or within the 75-foot impervious surface area. Under the revised site plan a total of 20-linear feet of open stream would be preserved.

**Groszmann Comment**

**6. Stream #5 – Originates near the 3<sup>rd</sup> green (note: this is a correction of the January 12 description); flows along the eastern side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway; contained flowing water (springs, likely a perennial stream); marked with wetlands flags; flows to a boggy area with wetlands flags at the inlet to Pond #2. The Plan shows Street Q encroaching on the upper ~ 200 feet of this stream channel and its buffer.**

**Register-Nelson Response**

The revised September 10, 2007 plan shows Street Q impacts are outside of the ordinary high water mark of Stream 5 and thus there are no Corps jurisdictional impacts to Stream 5 due to Street Q. The revised site plan shows the construction of a stormwater management area, and would impact the upper 300 linear feet of Stream 5. The lower portion of Stream 5 (671-linear feet of stream) and its 50-foot buffer would be preserved.

The applicant would apply for the appropriate Corps and EPD permits, which require stringent review by federal and state agencies, before impacting these jurisdictional areas. These permits call for compensatory mitigation in order to minimize the loss of wetlands and other jurisdictional waters.

**Groszmann Comment**

**7. Stream #6 – Appears to be a constructed drainage channel along the west side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway; receives discharges from residential lots and a detention pond west of the Golf Course; drains to a wet vegetated channel (springs); marked with wetlands flags; piped across the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway to Stream #5 (note: this is a correction of the January 12 description). The constructed drainage channel will be at the rear of single-family lots and should not be impacted; however, the Plan shows lots located on top of the springs and wet vegetated channel.**

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The applicant would apply for the appropriate Corps and EPD permits, which require stringent review by federal and state agencies, before impacting Corps jurisdictional areas. These permits call for compensatory mitigation in order to minimize the loss of wetlands and other jurisdictional waters.

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Groszmann Comment

8. Pond #3 – Located in the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway, has an outlet riser structure; receives inflow from a perennial stream that originates in subdivisions west of the Golf Course. The Plan shows Street Q located 0 to 20 feet from the edge of the pond for a length of 160 feet along the dam.

Register-Nelson Response

According to the September 10, 2007 site plan, Street Q impacts are located outside of the ponds ordinary high water mark (OHWM) and thus no impacts to Corps jurisdictional waters would occur. A total of 0.15-acres of open water would be preserved as well as approximately 176 linear feet of stream. According to Section 391-3-7.05, EPD Stream Buffer Variance Procedures and Criteria, exemptions from the buffer variance process include "... roadway drainage structures [that] must be constructed within the twenty-five (25) foot buffer area of any state waters or the fifty (50) foot buffer of any trout stream. The Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act defines Roadway Drainage Structures in section 12.7.3(13) to mean: "a device, such as a bridge, culvert, or ditch, composed of a virtually nonerodible material such as concrete, steel, plastic, or other such material that conveys water under a roadway by intercepting the flow on one side of a traveled way consisting of one or more defined lanes, with or without shoulder areas, and carrying water to a release point on the other side." As a result, An EPD Stream Buffer Variance application would not be required for this proposed impact

The revised site plan does demonstrate Street Q impacting approximately 10 linear feet off Stream 7 on the east side of the Street. The revised site plan also shows impacts to 65 linear feet due to proposed lots. A Corps permit application would be compiled and submitted for authorization to impact jurisdictional waters before grading begins. The remaining portion of Stream 7 (718-linear feet of stream) along with its buffer would be preserved in open space.

Groszmann Comment

9. Stream #7 – Originates at the outlet of Pond #3; appears to be piped to a wooded patch between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> fairways, then to a larger patch of woods just north of the 5<sup>th</sup> green, then to a wooded patch between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> fairways, and then to a wooded area between lots on Canon Creek Drive; likely a perennial stream. The Plan shows the upper reaches in a protected open space area; however, it also shows town homes constructed on top of the stream and its buffers on the northwest side of Street L.

Register-Nelson Response

The site plan shows no proposed town homes from the northwest side of Street L and instead is delineated as a protected open space area retaining the fifty foot stream buffer. No impact to Corp or State jurisdiction would occur in this area. The site plan does propose impacts to 65-linear feet of stream, which would require a Corps permit application to be compiled and submitted for authorization to impact jurisdictional waters before construction/grading begins.

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Groszmann Comment

10. Pond #4 – Located between the 6<sup>th</sup> green and the 7<sup>th</sup> tee; is not fed by a stream and does not have a significant drainage area; appears to be an irrigation reservoir fed by water pumped from the larger ponds or Lake Lanier; only outlet appears to be an overflow path to the patch of woods just north of the 5<sup>th</sup> green that also receives flows from Stream #7. *The Plan does not show any direct impacts to this pond; however, this pond must be protected against discharges of sediment and other pollutants.*

Register-Nelson Response

The latest revised site plan also shows no impact to this pond and there would be no encroachment within the 50-foot stream buffer or within the 75-foot impervious surface area. In order to protect the site from sedimentation and other pollutants, the Forsyth County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance and the Stormwater Management Ordinance would be adhered to for detention and water quality requirements during and after land-disturbing activities take place on the proposed project.

This pond may be considered an isolated pond and thus not jurisdictional due to the fact that it is "isolated water" and "it lacks links to interstate commerce sufficient to serve as a basis for jurisdiction".

Groszmann Comment

11. Stream #8 – Originates in wooded area between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> fairways; standing water near 4<sup>th</sup> green (spring); marked with wetlands flags; piped across 5<sup>th</sup> fairway to woods at end of Canon Creek Drive; likely a perennial stream. *The Plan shows the upper reaches in a protected open space area; however, it also shows town homes constructed on or immediately adjacent to the springs and wetland area, and Lot 592 is located on top of the stream and its buffers near Cannon Creek Drive.*

Register-Nelson Response

The revised plan shows a protected open space with a constructed wetland area that would increase the existing wetland area from 0.33-acres to approximately 0.66-acres, thus doubling the wetland area and mitigating for the loss of 0.04-acres of existing wetland impacted by the town homes lot. The revised plan also shows lots and roadway impacting 115-linear feet of stream along with the stream buffer. A Corps permit application would be compiled and submitted to the Corps office for authorization to impact jurisdictional waters before construction/grading begins. Additionally, an EPD Stream Buffer Variance application would also be compiled and submitted for authorization to impact any stream buffer before construction/grading begins. These permits call for compensatory mitigation in order to minimize the loss jurisdictional waters.

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**Groszmann Comment**

**12. Stream #9** – Originates on 16<sup>th</sup> fairway; is piped (with drop inlets) across the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway to the same wooded area between lots on Canon Creek Drive as Stream #7. *The Plan shows the short boulevard connecting Street L with Streets O and P located in the area of this shallow flow path. Note: This may not be a protected resource.*

**Register-Nelson Response**

Piped sections of stream are existing impacts and have already been authorized for the previous impacts. Furthermore, if the piped sections would remain, no fill to jurisdictional waters would occur and thus no permit would be required from Corps.

**Groszmann Comment**

**13. Stream #10** – Originates as a wide drainage swale between the 14<sup>th</sup> tee and the 17<sup>th</sup> green; flows across the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway to a wooded lot near the eastern end of Canon Creek Drive. *The Plan shows Street L and Lot 615 located on top of this broad swale for a length of ~ 700 feet. Note: This may not be a protected resource.*

**Register-Nelson Response**

According to the new Jurisdictional Determination guidelines issued March 30, 2007, swales are defined as "generally shallow features in the landscape that may convey water across upland areas during and following storm events. Swales are generally not waters of the U.S. because they are not tributaries or they do not have a significant nexus to TNWs." Thus, no jurisdictional water body would be impacted in this area.

**Groszmann Comment**

**14. Stream #11** – Originates just east of the 14<sup>th</sup> tee and the 17<sup>th</sup> green; is piped directly by springs and by numerous side branches with springs; is likely a perennial stream; flows across 13<sup>th</sup> fairway near tee; joins other perennial stream in power line easement. *The Plan shows this stream located in a protected open space area, so it should not be directly impacted.*

**Register-Nelson Response**

The revised site plan shows that no impacts would occur to Stream 11. This protected open space would preserve approximately 1,700 linear feet of streams including Stream 11 as well as 0.03-acres of wetland.

**Groszmann Comment**

**15. Stream #12** – Originates in woods between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> fairways; crosses 11<sup>th</sup> fairway near green and 12<sup>th</sup> fairway near tee; is piped under 13<sup>th</sup> fairway to Stream #11. *The plan shows Street K located on top of or within 50 feet of this stream for a length ~ 300 feet.*

**Register-Nelson Response**

The revised site plan shows Stream 12 protected along with its 50-foot stream buffer in protected open space, saving approximately 193-linear feet of stream in protected space.

**REGISTER ~ NELSON**



Groszmann Comment

16. Stream #13 -- Originates in woods between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> fairways; has shallow channels that become deeper downhill; wet areas (springs and wetland flags); flows south through woods to Stream #11 near 13<sup>th</sup> tee; lower reaches are likely perennial. *The Plan shows this stream located in a protected open space area, so it should not be directly impacted.*

Register-Nelson Response

The revised site plan shows Stream 13 preserved in protected open space as well as the wetland area. This protected open space would preserve 116-linear feet of this stream as well as 0.03-acres of wetland.

SUMMARY

According to the September 10, 2007 site plan, the applicant has demonstrated alternatives, avoidance and minimization methods to jurisdictional waters of the United States and the State of Georgia. Furthermore, the site plan shows protection of approximately 3,200 linear feet of open streambed, 4.65-acres of open water, and approximately 0.33-acres of wetland. The site plan shows a total of approximately 900 linear feet of stream impact as well as minimal wetland impact. This revised site plan shows a reduction of impacts to the linear feet of stream as per discussed in Mr. Groszmann's April 26, 2007 report from 2,460 linear feet of stream to approximately 900 linear feet of stream.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Alex Ottley or me at your convenience.

Respectfully,



Marcus A. Rubenstein  
Senior Project Manager

Cc: Mr. Jim King, Landmark Design Associates

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Message

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**Sent:** 11/1/2018 2:20:04 PM  
**To:** OCIRmail [OCIRmail@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Congressional Inquiry  
**Attachments:** [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Privacy Form.pdf

Good morning!

Please review the attached Privacy Form per your policies and procedures! Any assistance you can provide for [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] is greatly appreciated.

Best,  
Terri

Privacy Act Release Form for the Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue

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NATURE OF PROBLEM: Below, please provide a complete statement regarding the nature of the problem and the assistance needed from this office. Please attach copies of any additional pertinent documents.

STATEMENT :

1. The former Lanier Golf Club is being developed into a 321 home Palte subdivision. Reid + Reid is the developer
2. There are 2 ponds on the property that are retained by a dam where the Corps of Engineers has an easement. Reid + Reid have stated that they are going to remove the dam and release the ponds. The ponds drain into the Chattahoochee River and Lake Lanier. Multiple streams, wetlands and wildlife will be affected. On 10/23 the developer had the drainage pipes in the dam broken and the ponds started (& continue) to drain.
3. Two prior engineering studies (Grossman 11/12/07 + 4/26/07 and Register Nelson 9/19/07) assert that the ponds are not to be impacted in development and that 4.5 acres of open water remain. The site plan by Reid + Reid does not acknowledge or show any evidence that these stipulations are being followed.
4. Per Commissioner Laura Semanson, there was a provision in the zoning allowing the high-density townhomes on Buford Dam Rd that required the ponds be kept
5. We are asking that work on this project be stopped until it can be determined that the developers are complying with prior zoning and engineering requirements and that the environment and watershed are protected.

Additional Contacts:

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Commissioner - Laura Semanson - 470-208-9126  
losemanson@forsythco.com

Message

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**From:** Jetmundsen, Taylor (Perdue) [Taylor\_Jetmundsen@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/2/2018 7:31:09 PM  
**To:** OCIRmail [OCIRmail@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Letter to Acting Administrator Wheeler re Lautenberg Act  
**Attachments:** Letter to Acting Administrator Wheeler re Lautenberg Act.pdf

Hi Troy,

See the attached letter Senators Perdue and Isakson sent to Acting Administrator Wheeler by mail today.

Best,  
Taylor

Taylor Jetmundsen | Legislative Correspondent  
Senator David Perdue

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 2, 2018

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler  
Acting Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

We write to bring an issue to your attention impacting the U.S. fragrance industry pertaining to the EPA's implementation of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act ("Lautenberg Act").

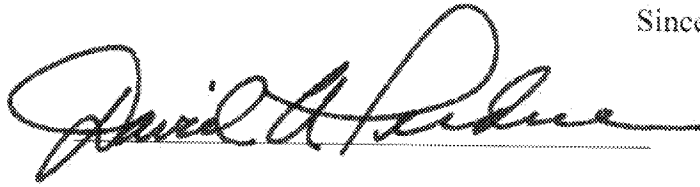
We understand that the EPA has federal responsibility for approving new chemicals used by the fragrance industry, but companies in our states have told us that under the New Chemicals Review Program, no new fragrance molecules have been approved without restriction in the two years since enactment of the Lautenberg Act. Instead, we understand that the EPA has inadvertently halted new chemical innovation by issuing Significant New Use Rules (SNURs) instead of chemical approvals.

Fragrance companies rely on the ability to sell new chemicals to consumer product companies, including those making household cleaners, detergents, and other products. Consumer product companies will not accept materials with SNUR designations due to the high complexity of compliance with these rules and lack of affirmative approval, which renders a new chemical unsellable. This has caused new chemicals to lose their value and affected fragrance companies have effectively lost years of research and millions of dollars invested in the development of innovative new chemicals. The result is a twofold problem for U.S. fragrance companies: new, safe, highly tested chemicals are being registered and sold elsewhere in the world by their competitors; and the previously seamless process of near simultaneous registration of new chemicals in the U.S. and in Canada is being altered.

We understand that one unintended consequence is that approval of new environmentally safer, greener, and more sustainable chemicals has been delayed. The congressional intent behind the Lautenberg Act focused on safety, economic growth, and U.S. innovation, but we believe the current processing of fragrance industry applications for new chemicals has hindered these priorities.

We encourage you and your colleagues to review your agency's current treatment of such premanufacture notices (PMNs) and to give fair and transparent consideration to the requests for approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Perdue", written over a horizontal line.

Senator David Perdue

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnny Isakson", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Johnny Isakson

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**From:** Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [Daniel\_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/14/2017 8:23:15 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA grant question

Sounds good. Thanks a lot.

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**From:** Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 4:15 PM  
**To:** Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel\_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA grant question

Hi Daniel,

Working on getting you an answer on this, will be back in touch shortly.

Have a great day!

Christian R. Palich  
*Deputy Associate Administrator*  
*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs*  
*U.S Environmental Protection Agency*  
*O: 202.564.4944*

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**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian <[palich.christian@epa.gov](mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** EPA grant question

Hey Christian, hope all is well with you. I was hoping you could help me track down the status of a grant that Georgia Tech applied for earlier this summer. Apparently its through the STAR program at EPA and is related to innovative energy technologies. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

**Daniel Hale**  
Legislative Assistant  
Office of U.S. Senator David Perdue  
(202) 224-3521



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**From:** Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) [PJ\_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/19/2017 3:22:16 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Introduction Meeting

I will be out of the office until Monday, May 22nd. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Senator Perdue's office at 202-224-3521.

Thanks,

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**From:** Palich, Christian [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=330AD62E158D43AF93FCBBECE930D21A-PALICH, CHR]  
**Sent:** 8/30/2017 5:43:04 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Frye, Tony (Robert) [frye.robert@epa.gov]  
**BCC:** Batson, Will (Strange) [Will\_Batson@strange.senate.gov]; Cutrell, Dayne (Shelby) [Dayne\_Cutrell@shelby.senate.gov]; Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) [Lauren\_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov]; Van Doren, Terry (McConnell) [Terry\_VanDoren@mcconnell.senate.gov]; Vaughan, Aubrey (Paul) [Aubrey\_Vaughan@paul.senate.gov]; Layson, Brett (Isakson) [Brett\_Layson@isakson.senate.gov]; Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [Daniel\_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]; Elsner, Brandon (Wicker) [Brandon\_Elsner@wicker.senate.gov]; Ulmer, Daniel (Cochran) [Daniel\_Ulmer@cochran.senate.gov]; Lavery, Emily (Scott) [Emily\_Lavery@scott.senate.gov]; Stanley, Chris (Kennedy) [Chris\_Stanley@kennedy.senate.gov]; Schindler, Blake (Cassidy) [Blake\_Schindler@cassidy.senate.gov]; Atcheson, Laura (Cornyn) [Laura\_Atcheson@cornyn.senate.gov]; Porter, John (Cornyn) [John\_Porter@cornyn.senate.gov]; Smithson, Austin (Cruz) [Austin\_Smithson@cruz.senate.gov]; Dolan, Kayla (Tillis) [Kayla\_Dolan@tillis.senate.gov]; McDonald, John (Burr) [John\_McDonald@burr.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for Gulf and East Coast States

Good Afternoon,

I wanted everyone to see below release we sent out today regarding fuel waivers for Gulf and East Coast States. If you have any questions please let us know.

Have a great day,

Christian R. Palich  
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## EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for Gulf and East Coast States

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**WASHINGTON (AUGUST 30, 2017)** — As a result of the continuing impacts on Gulf Coast-area refineries and disruption to the fuel distribution system caused by Hurricane Harvey, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt today exercised EPA's emergency fuel waiver authority to help ensure an adequate supply of fuel throughout the South, Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic.

EPA has waived requirements for reformulated gasoline and low volatility gasoline through September 15 in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Texas, Louisiana and the District of Columbia. The waiver authority was exercised under the Clean Air Act and was granted by EPA Administrator Pruitt, in coordination with the U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry.

As required by law, EPA and Department of Energy (DOE) evaluated the situation and determined that granting a short-term waiver was consistent with the public interest. EPA and DOE are continuing to actively monitor the fuel supply situation as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and will act expeditiously if extreme and unusual supply circumstances exist in other areas.

To mitigate any impacts on air quality, the Clean Air Act provides strict criteria for when fuels waivers may be granted, and requires that waivers be limited as much as possible in terms of their geographic scope and duration.

More information: [www.epa.gov/enforcement/fuel-waivers](http://www.epa.gov/enforcement/fuel-waivers)



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**Sent:** 5/19/2017 4:41:03 PM  
**To:** Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [Daniel\_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]; Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) [PJ\_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Introduction Meeting

Works great! See you then.

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**From:** Hale, Daniel (Perdue) [mailto:Daniel\_Hale@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 11:31 AM  
**To:** Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Waldrop, PJ (Perdue) <PJ\_Waldrop@perdue.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Introduction Meeting

Sure does 2 pm work for you?

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**Cc:** Hale, Daniel (Perdue) <Daniel\_Hale@perdue.senate.gov>  
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Hi Pj & Daniel,

Would next Thursday afternoon work for you all?

Have a great day,

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**Subject:** RE: Introduction Meeting

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Christian,

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-PJW

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No problem. Let's touch base later this week and find a time early next week to catch up.

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**Sent:** 5/28/2020 1:26:46 PM  
**To:** Stout, Ben [Ben.Stout@mail.house.gov]; Perkins, Chris (Perdue) [Chris\_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: EPA Administrator Visit to GA-10 next week

Hey Guys—Sorry for the delay in sending this email. Things were a little in flux with the rain today, but we got the schedule finalized. There is one event today that will be open to the media and if y'all wanted to attend it would be great. It is set to begin at 4pm so if you plan on attending just get there earlier and also shoot me a text or call so I can make sure we know.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b><u>PULLMAN YARD FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT</u></b>	
Street,	<b>LOCATION:</b>	Pullman-Yard/Atomic Entertainment Site, 225 Rogers NE Atlanta, GA. 30317
	<b>ATTIRE:</b>	Business Casual (Jeans, Button up, and Blazer)
	<b>PRESS:</b>	Open
	<b>SCENARIO:</b>	
	4:00pm	-Welcome Remarks by: Mary Walker
	4:05pm	-ADMINISTRATOR WHEELER Remarks
	4:10pm	-Welcome to Pullman Yard by: Maureen Meulen
	4:15pm	-State Partnership remarks by: Richard Dunn, GA EPD Director
WHEELER	4:20pm	-Remarks Concludes; ADMININISTRATOR participates in Press Gaggle
WHEELER	4:25pm	-Press Gaggle concludes; ADMINISTRATOR participates on tour of the site lead by Maureen Meulen

**Tour Overview**

1. Historical significant of Pullman Yard
2. Current use of site / unique characteristics
3. Future Projects

*\*Note: Press might accompany on tour*

Travis Voyles

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**From:** Stout, Ben <Ben.Stout@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:17 PM  
**To:** Voyles, Travis <Voyles.Travis@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: EPA Administrator Visit to GA-10 next week

Thanks, Travis. Looking forward to it.

**Benjamin Stout** | Deputy District Director  
Congressman Jody Hice (GA-10)  
100 Court St | Monroe, GA 30655  
(770) 207-1776 | [Ben.Stout@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ben.Stout@mail.house.gov)

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**From:** Voyles, Travis <[Voyles.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Voyles.Travis@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:03 PM  
**To:** Stout, Ben <[Ben.Stout@mail.house.gov](mailto:Ben.Stout@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT: EPA Administrator Visit to GA-10 next week  
**Importance:** High

Hey Ben—Just wanted to pass along this email thread and provide you with the most up to date details.

The Administrator will be arriving around 2:40p, but the event is set to begin at 3p with remarks from:

- Jake Carter, Owner, Southern Belle Farm
- Gary W. Black Sr., Commissioner of Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Andrew Wheeler, Administrator of the U.S. EPA
- Mary Walker, Regional Administrator (Region 4) of the U.S. EPA

This should only take 30 mins max and will be followed by a short press gaggle and then the small group will take a short tour of the farm. Please make sure you are there well before 3p because the way they are situating the speaking podium might prevent people from walking in late.

Looking forward to having you join us and we completely understand that Rep. Hice has to get back to DC. There will be a number of folks from the GA Farm Bureau and some local/state officials also joining. I'll add you to the list as the representative from Rep. Hice's office and feel free to call me on my cell number below if you have any questions.

Here's the location for the event:

Southern Belle Farm  
1658 Turner Church Road  
McDonough, GA 30252  
<https://www.southernbellefarm.com/>

Travis Voyles  
O: (202) 564-6399

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**From:** Kolb, John (JohnMark) <[kolb.john@epa.gov](mailto:kolb.john@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 25, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** [nicholas.brown@mail.house.gov](mailto:nicholas.brown@mail.house.gov); Dwyer, Kaitlyn <[Kaitlyn.Dwyer@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kaitlyn.Dwyer@mail.house.gov)>  
**Cc:** Voyles, Travis <[Voyles.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Voyles.Travis@epa.gov)>; [taylor.ford@mail.house.gov](mailto:taylor.ford@mail.house.gov); [tim.reitz@mail.house.gov](mailto:tim.reitz@mail.house.gov); [jessica.hayes@mail.house.gov](mailto:jessica.hayes@mail.house.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT: EPA Administrator Visit to GA-10 next week  
**Importance:** High

Team Hice,

Apologies for reaching out on Memorial Day but I wanted to make sure you saw my message on Friday. Administrator Wheeler is visiting Southern Belle Farm in your district and doing an event Wednesday with the GA Ag Commissioner and GA Farm Bureau. The Administrator would love for your boss to attend and participate. Again, sorry for the short

notice but as we're about 48 hours out I hope someone can connect with Travis Voyles copied here ASAP, as he will be traveling with the Administrator. His work cell is — Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Below are some additional details as the event came together over the weekend:

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 Ag Event with the GA Farm Bureau and the GA Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black and Rep. Jody Hice (TBD)

**Southern Belle Farm**

<30 miles from ATL airport (34 minute drive)

1658 Turner Church Road

McDonough, GA 30252

<https://www.southernbellefarm.com/>

Southern Belle Farm is a family owned 330 acre working farm. Southern Belle Farm is an agritourism location where they offer 'pick your own' seasonal fruits (spring- strawberries). There is a country market located onsite, as well as pavilions and an open-air barn to hold group events. The farm is located off of I-75 in Henry County. The location would be favorable for farmer/producer attendance.

Attendee invitations would go out to the Agribusiness Council, GA Fruit and Vegetable Association, Farm Bureau (coordinating event with EPA), and the GA Department of Agriculture (Commissioner Black attending).

**Messaging:**

- Farm Bureau believes that this location and audience would be in favor of hearing the Administrator speak about WOTUS- NWPR.
- Now more than ever, Americans are recognizing the critical role agriculture has with our society and well-being. American farmers, ranchers and everyone in the food supply chain are working tirelessly to keep products available and the supply chain open. Operations such as this (Southern Belle Farm), that educates and directly connects consumers with agriculture, is important to maintain that recognition and appreciation.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoQ\\_-l1xgMs&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XoQ_-l1xgMs&feature=youtu.be)

Sincerely,

**JohnMark Kolb**

*Congressional Affairs*

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**From:** Kolb, John (JohnMark)

**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2020 3:11 PM

**To:** [nicholas.brown@mail.house.gov](mailto:nicholas.brown@mail.house.gov); Dwyer, Kaitlyn <[Kaitlyn.Dwyer@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kaitlyn.Dwyer@mail.house.gov)>

**Cc:** Voyles, Travis <[Voyles.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Voyles.Travis@epa.gov)>; [taylor.ford@mail.house.gov](mailto:taylor.ford@mail.house.gov)

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Nick and Kaitlyn,

Got some super exciting news – looks like Administrator Wheeler is planning to be in GA-10 next week and we wanted to reach out and touch base with you.

Please place a hold for 3pm on next Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for a potential ag-focused event. We would love for your boss to join.

I know this is coming up soon but wanted to touch base as soon as I knew. My colleague Travis copied here has more details but feel free to call my cell in the meantime.

Sincerely,

**JohnMark Kolb**  
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**Sent:** 5/26/2020 10:24:51 PM  
**To:** Perkins, Chris (Perdue) [Chris\_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Wheeler - GA Visit

No problem Chris—Let me know if you have any questions.

Travis Voyles  
(202) 564-6399

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**From:** Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris\_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:42 PM  
**To:** Voyles, Travis <Voyles.Travis@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator Wheeler - GA Visit

Mr. Voyles,

Thanks for allowing our office to attend. I look forward to it tomorrow.

Sincerely,

**Chris Perkins**  
*Field Representative*

**OFFICE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID PERDUE**  
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**To:** Perkins, Chris (Perdue) <Chris\_Perkins@perdue.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA Administrator Wheeler - GA Visit

Hey Chris—Just wanted to pass along provide you with the most up to date details on Administrator Wheeler's planned visit to Southern Belle Farm and event Wednesday with the GA Ag Commissioner and GA Farm Bureau.

The Administrator will be arriving around 2:40p, but the event is set to begin at 3p with remarks from:

- Jake Carter, Owner, Southern Belle Farm
- Gary W. Black Sr., Commissioner of Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Andrew Wheeler, Administrator of the U.S. EPA
- Mary Walker, Regional Administrator (Region 4) of the U.S. EPA

This should only take 30 mins max and will be followed by a short press gaggle and then the small group will take a short tour of the farm. Please make sure you are there well before 3p because the way they are situating the speaking podium might prevent people from walking in late.

Looking forward to having you join us and we appreciate you representing Senator Purdue. There will be a number of folks from the GA Farm Bureau and some local/state officials also joining. I'll add you to the list as the representative from Senator Purdue's office and feel free to call me on my cell number below if you have any questions.

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**Sent:** 5/26/2020 8:14:04 PM  
**To:** Mills, Thomas (Perdue) [Thomas\_Mills@perdue.senate.gov]  
**CC:** Edwards, John (Holt) [edwards.john@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow's event at Southern Belle

Yeah I'm not sure where I got Wells...hah.

Thanks Thomas!

Travis Voyles  
(202) 564-6399

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[Chris\\_perkins@perdue.senate.gov](mailto:Chris_perkins@perdue.senate.gov)

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Perfect—I'll reach out to him with some of the final details.

Is his email [chris\\_wells@perdue.senate.gov](mailto:chris_wells@perdue.senate.gov)?

Travis Voyles  
(202) 564-6399

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**From:** Mills, Thomas (Perdue) <[Thomas\\_Mills@perdue.senate.gov](mailto:Thomas_Mills@perdue.senate.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** Voyles, Travis <[Voyles.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Voyles.Travis@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Edwards, John (Holt) <[edwards.john@epa.gov](mailto:edwards.john@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow's event at Southern Belle

Field Representative

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**From:** Voyles, Travis [<mailto:Voyles.Travis@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** Mills, Thomas (Perdue) <[Thomas\\_Mills@perdue.senate.gov](mailto:Thomas_Mills@perdue.senate.gov)>

**Cc:** Edwards, John (Holt) <[edwards.john@epa.gov](mailto:edwards.john@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Tomorrow's event at Southern Belle

Thanks Thomas!

What is Chris' title?

Travis Voyles  
(202) 564-6399

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**From:** Mills, Thomas (Perdue) <[Thomas\\_Mills@perdue.senate.gov](mailto:Thomas_Mills@perdue.senate.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2020 4:01 PM

**To:** Voyles, Travis <[Voyles.Travis@epa.gov](mailto:Voyles.Travis@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Edwards, John (Holt) <[edwards.john@epa.gov](mailto:edwards.john@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Tomorrow's event at Southern Belle

Hi guys,

Hope all is well! Chris Perkins with our staff will be attending from Team Perdue.

Thanks,

Thomas

Thomas Mills  
Legislative Assistant  
Senator David Perdue  
(202) 748-0027



Message

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**From:** Ayres, Ben (Perdue) [Ben\_Ayres@perdue.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 8/1/2019 2:19:11 PM  
**To:** Edwards, John (Holt) [edwards.john@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: EPA Accomplishments and Talkers

No problem. Thanks, Holt.

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**From:** Edwards, John (Holt) <edwards.john@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 3:08 PM  
**To:** Ayres, Ben (Perdue) <Ben\_Ayres@perdue.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: EPA Accomplishments and Talkers

Ben,

I just realized I had misspelled your name in my address book when I got a bounce back email. Wanted to make sure you had this information prior to the beginning of recess. Let me know if you have any questions.

Hope everything is going well. Be sure to tell Casey I said hey,  
Holt

**J. Holt Edwards**  
Special Assistant for Senate Affairs  
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**From:** Edwards, John (Holt)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 31, 2019 2:29 PM  
**To:** Holt Edwards (edwards.john@epa.gov) <edwards.john@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Tony Frye (frye.robert@epa.gov) <frye.robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EPA Accomplishments and Talkers

All –

With your bosses set to leave soon for August recess, please see information attached and below outlining some of EPA's recent announcements and accomplishments. This is certainly not an exhaustive list but may be helpful for background and messaging as your bosses engage with constituents.

Please let Tony and I know if you have any questions.

### **EPA Environmental Progress and Accomplishments**

- Administrator Wheeler is working to continue to clean up the air, water, and land while providing regulatory relief to create jobs and keep the economy growing.
- Today, we have the cleanest air on record, and we are a global leader for access to clean drinking water. When other countries need help cleaning up their air, water or land, they turn to us for assistance.
- America is – and will remain— the gold standard for environmental protection.

### **Air Pollution Trends Show Cleaner Air, Growing Economy:**

## *Air Quality*

- Since 1970, implementation of the Clean Air Act, along with technological advances from American Innovators, have dramatically improved air quality in the U.S.
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  - U.S. fine particulate matter levels are five times below the global average, seven times below Chinese levels, and well below France, Germany, Mexico and Russia.
- Much of this progress has taken place in low-income counties across the country.
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- EPA examines long-term trends to track the nation's progress in cleaning the air. Air quality concentrations can vary from year to year, reflecting not only changes in pollution emissions, but also natural events such as dust storms and wildfires, and variations in weather.
- The number of unhealthy air days has declined dramatically since 2000.
- From 2016 to 2018, emissions of key air pollutants continued to decline:
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  - Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) ↓ 3.3 percent
- In addition, average concentrations of harmful air pollutants decreased considerably across our nation between 1990 and 2018:
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### *Water Infrastructure Investment*

- We're helping communities across the nation modernize outdated infrastructure and improve water quality. These projects will improve water quality for millions of Americans while creating well-paying jobs.
- EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) federal loan program accelerates investment in water infrastructure projects by offering low-cost, supplemental loans for up to 49% of eligible projects.
- Since 2017, we've issued eight water infrastructure loans totaling over \$2 billion. These loans will finance over \$4 billion in water infrastructure projects and create 6,000 jobs.
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- Throughout the history of EPA's State Revolving Funds (SRFs) program, more than \$170 billion in financial assistance has been provided to over 39,900 water quality infrastructure projects and 14,500 drinking water projects across the country.
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